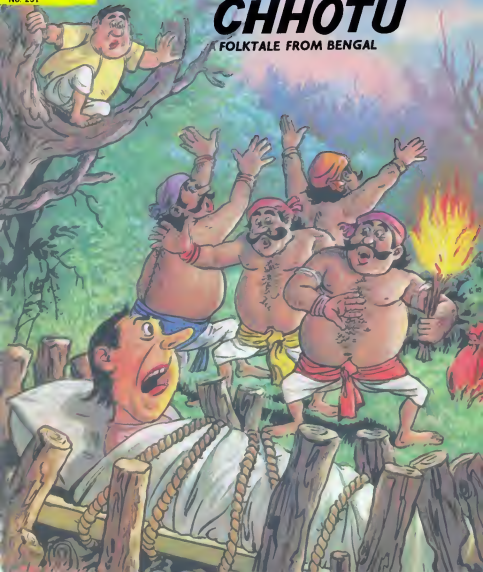


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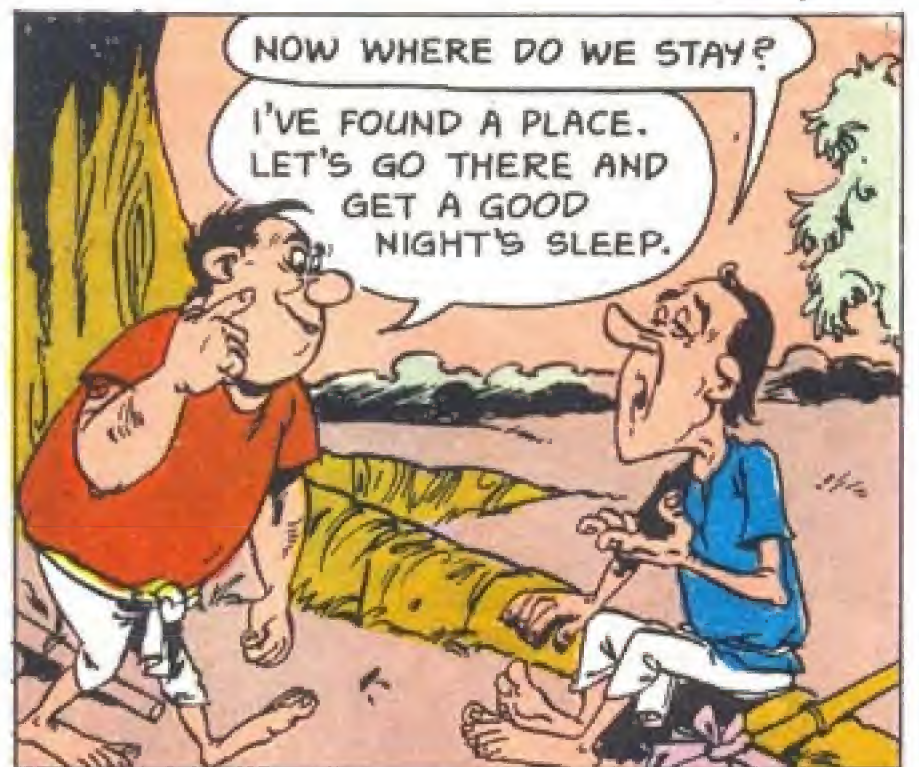
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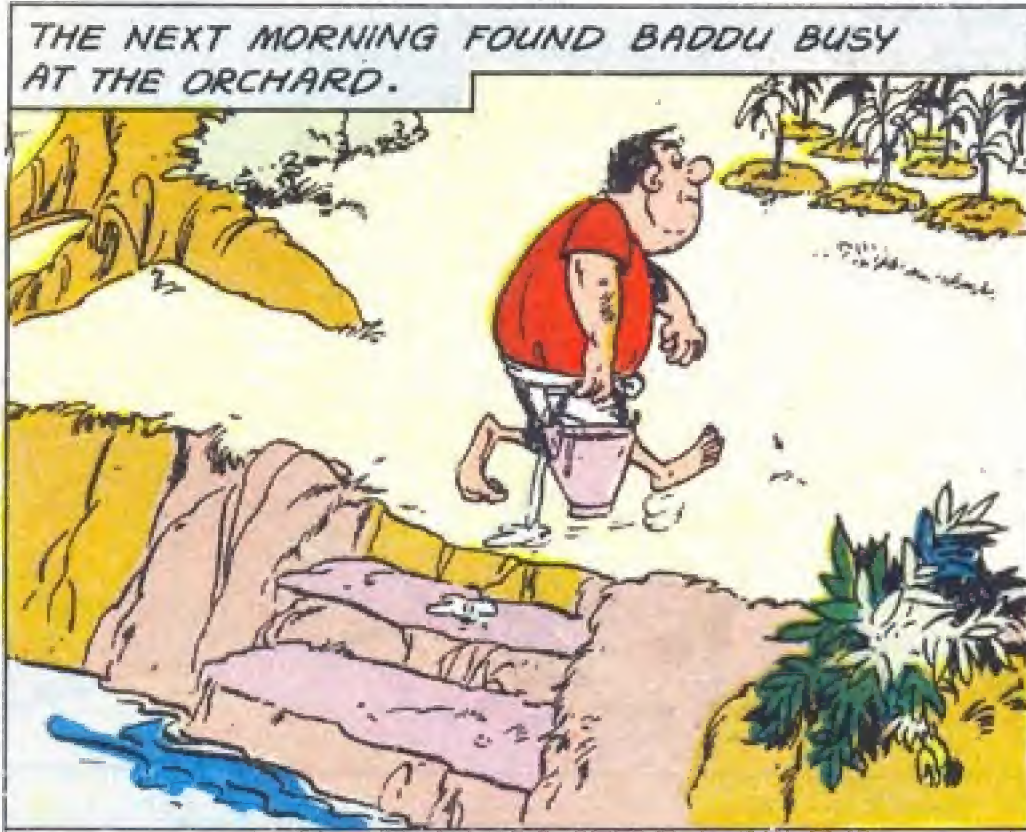
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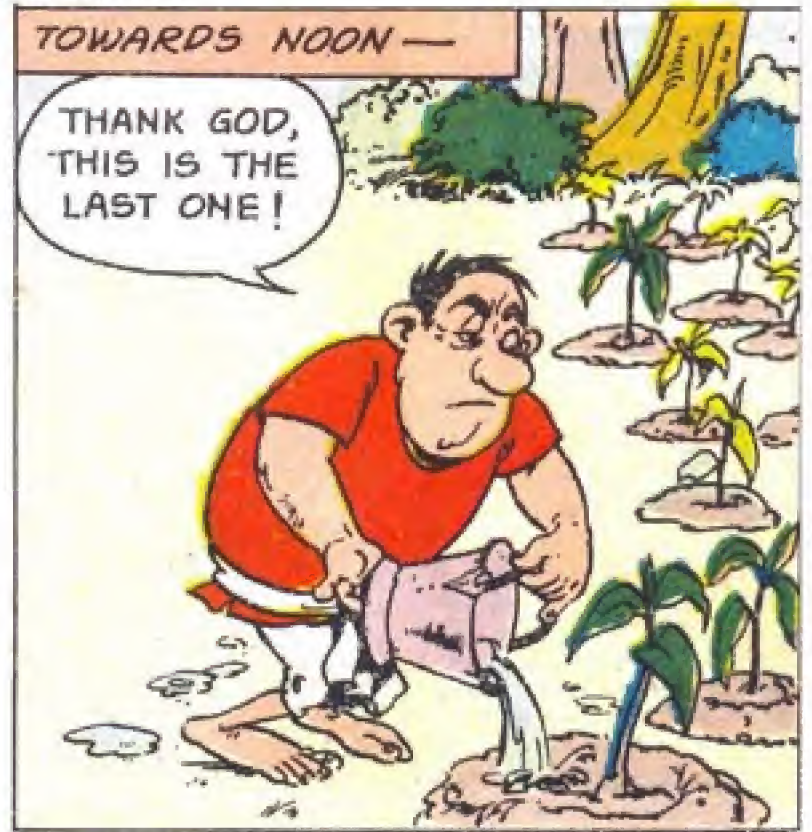


THE NEXT MORNING FOUND BADDU BUSY AT THE ORCHARD.

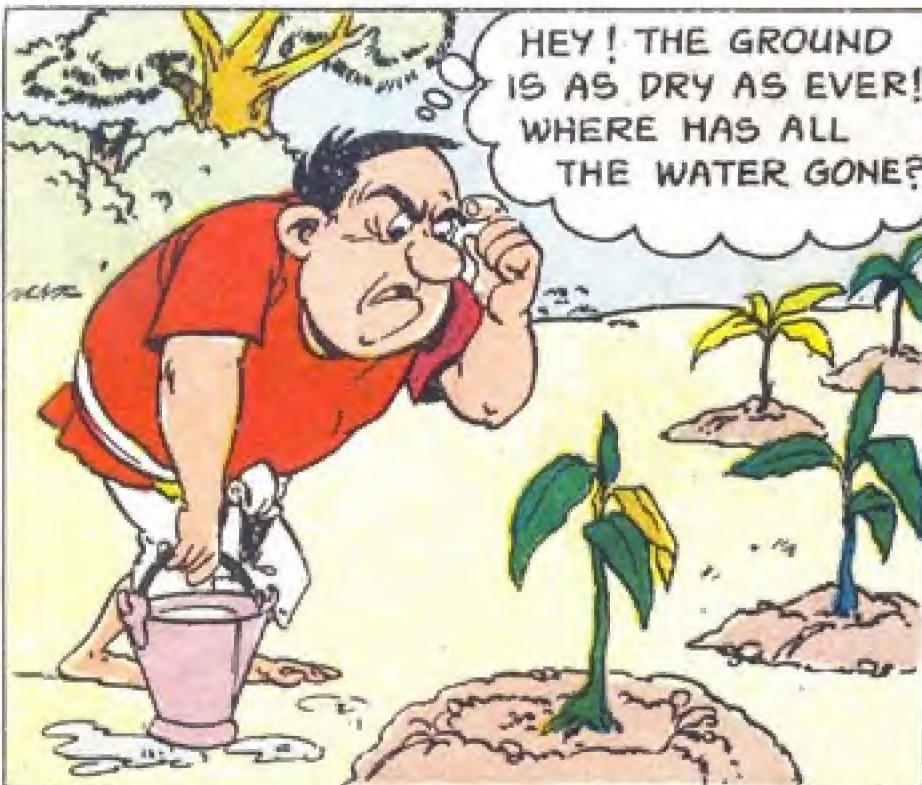


TOWARDS NOON —

THANK GOD, THIS IS THE LAST ONE!

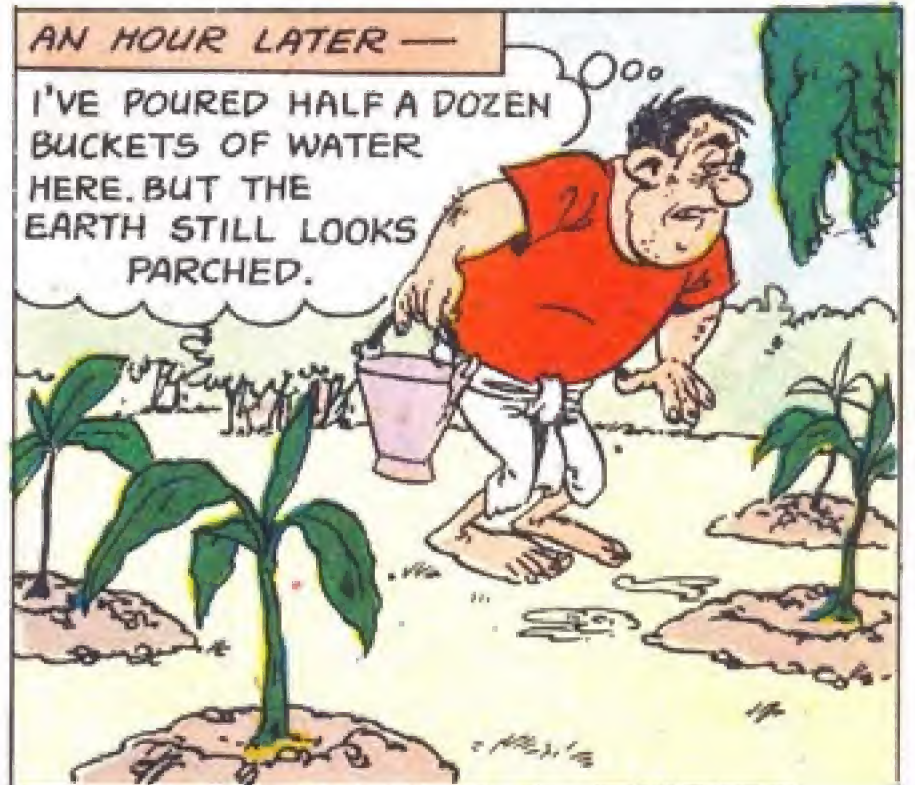


HEY! THE GROUND IS AS DRY AS EVER! WHERE HAS ALL THE WATER GONE?



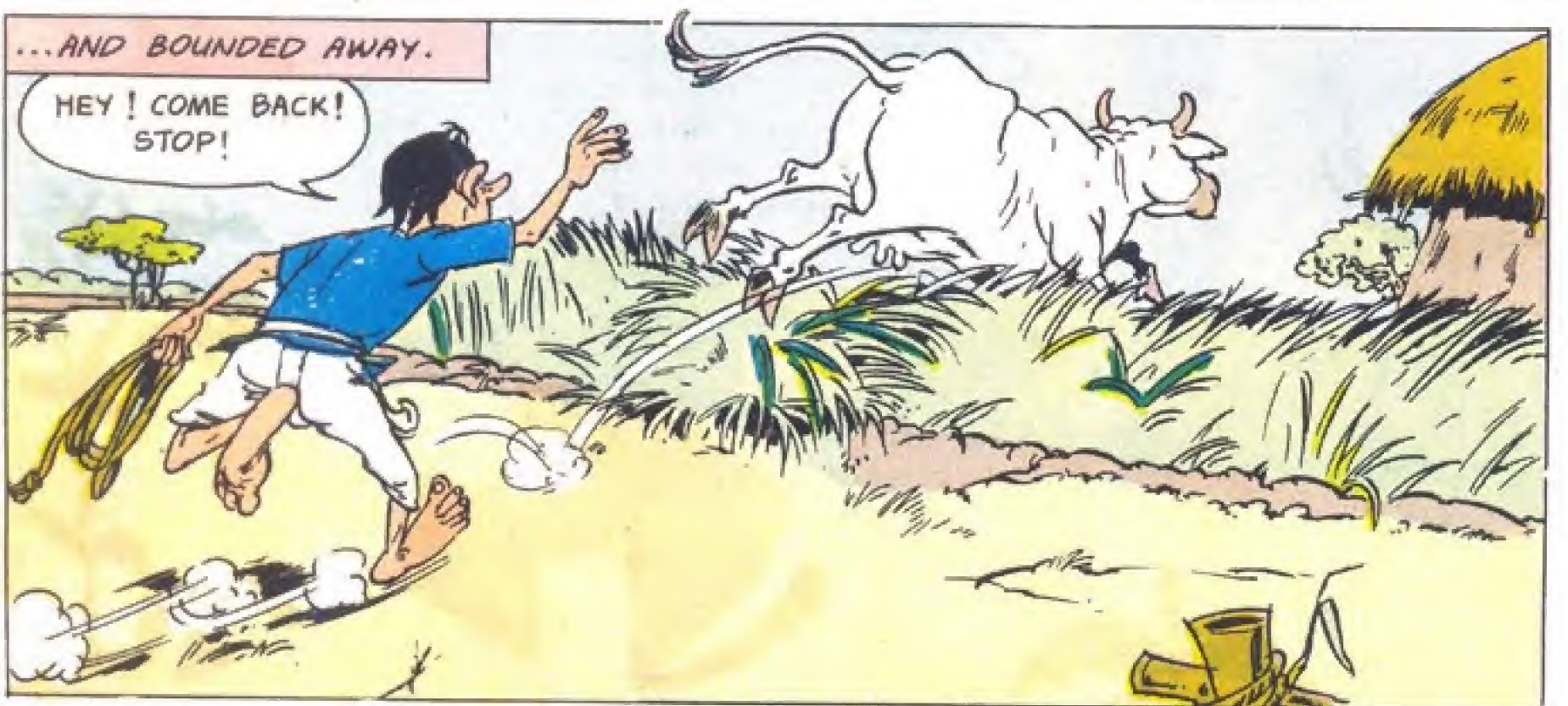
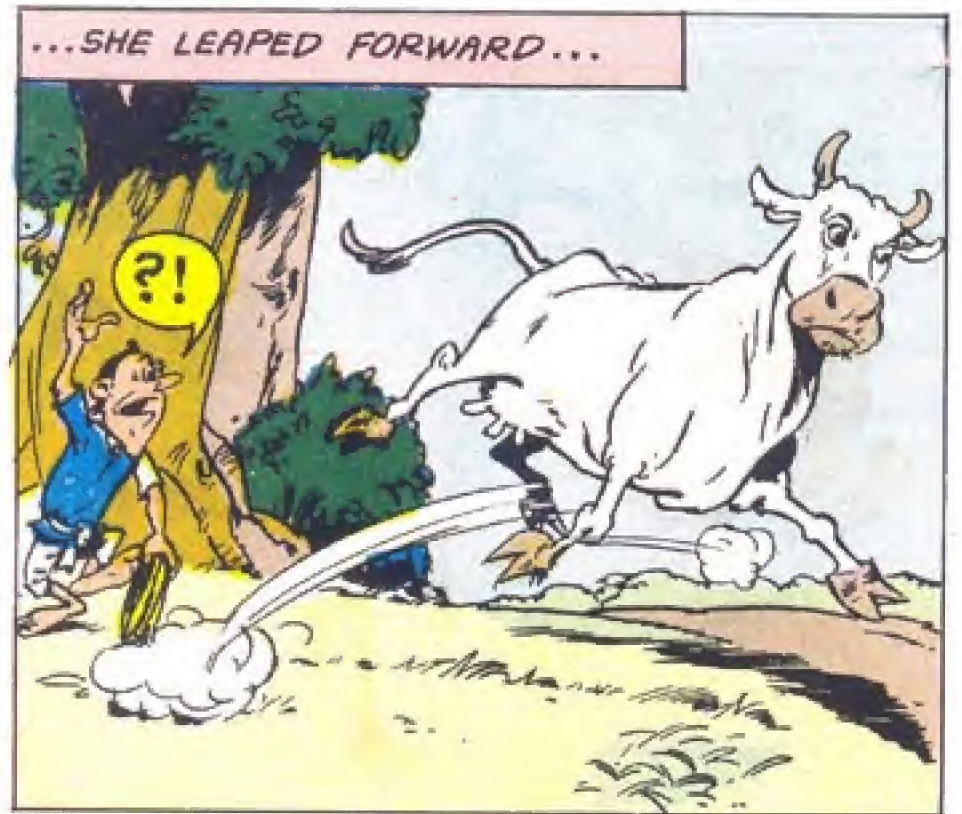
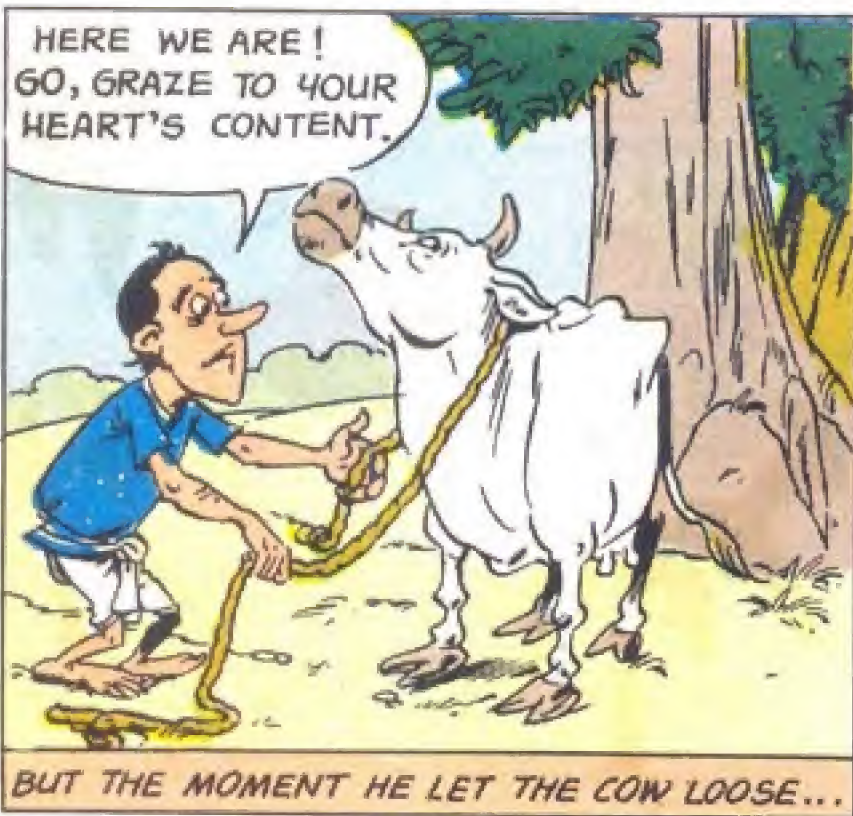
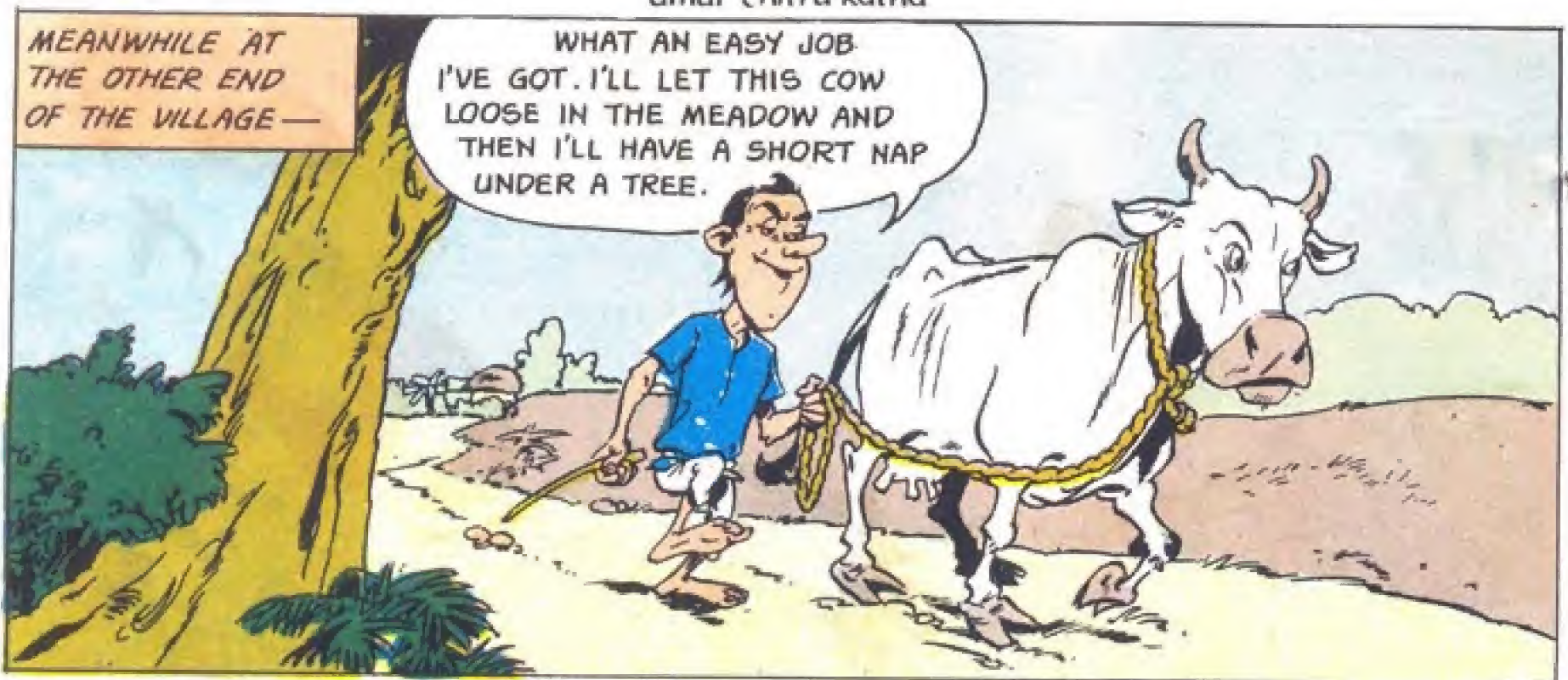
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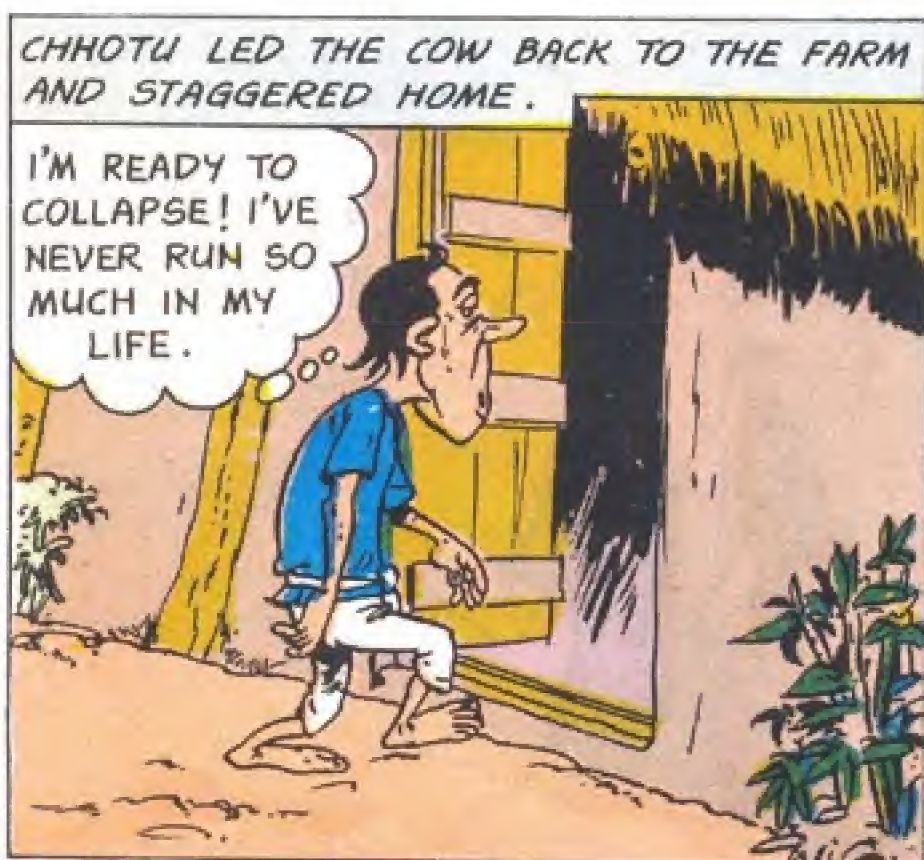
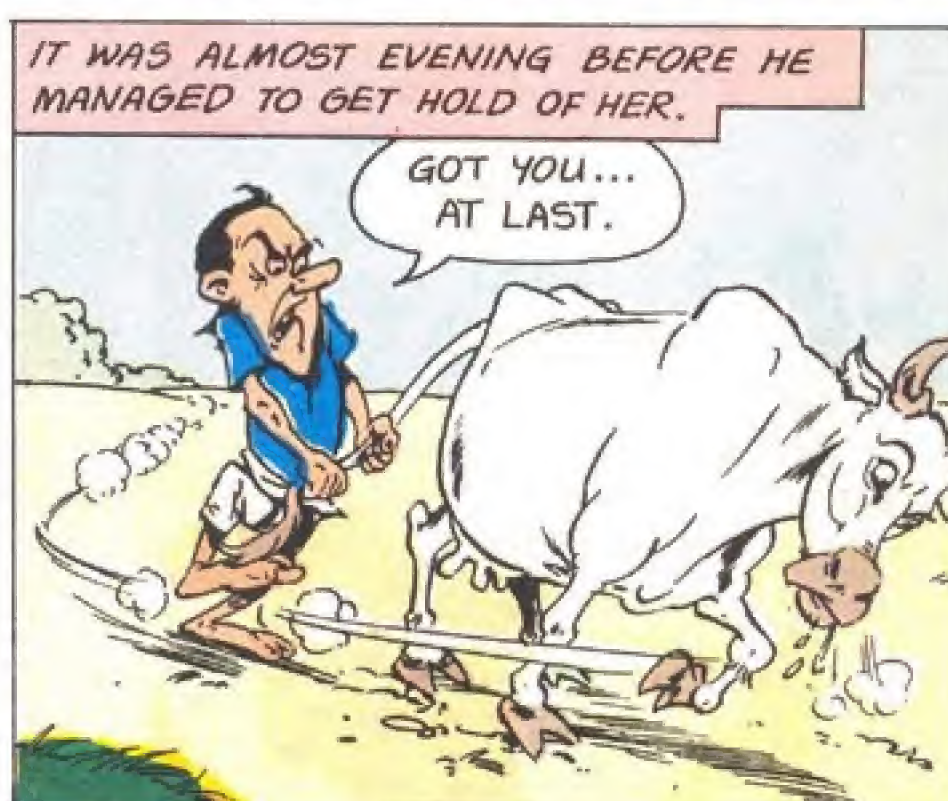
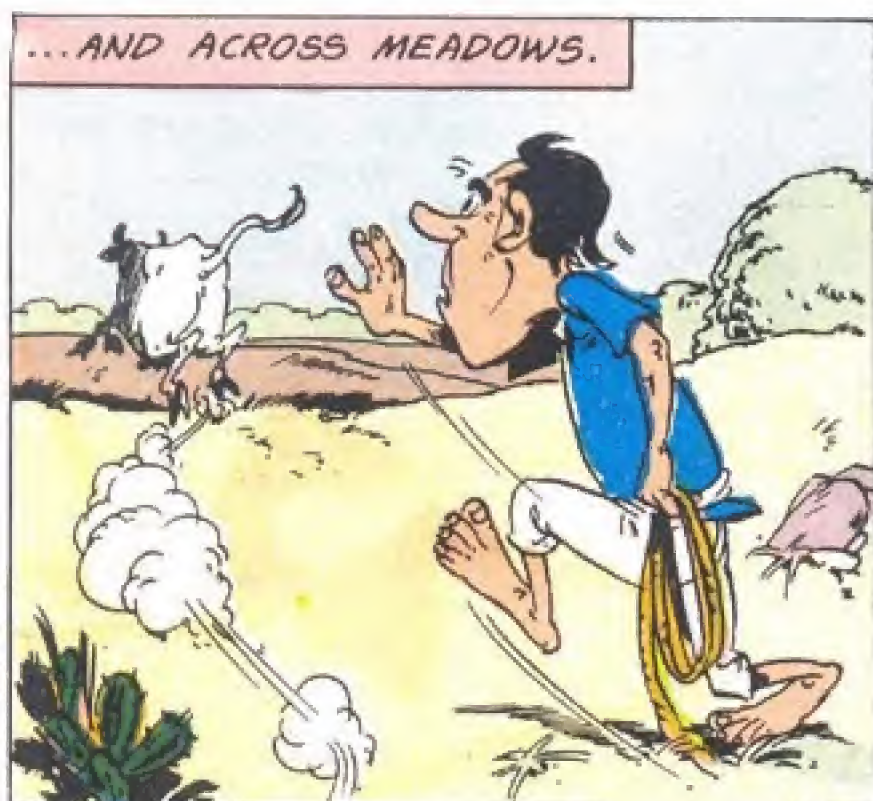
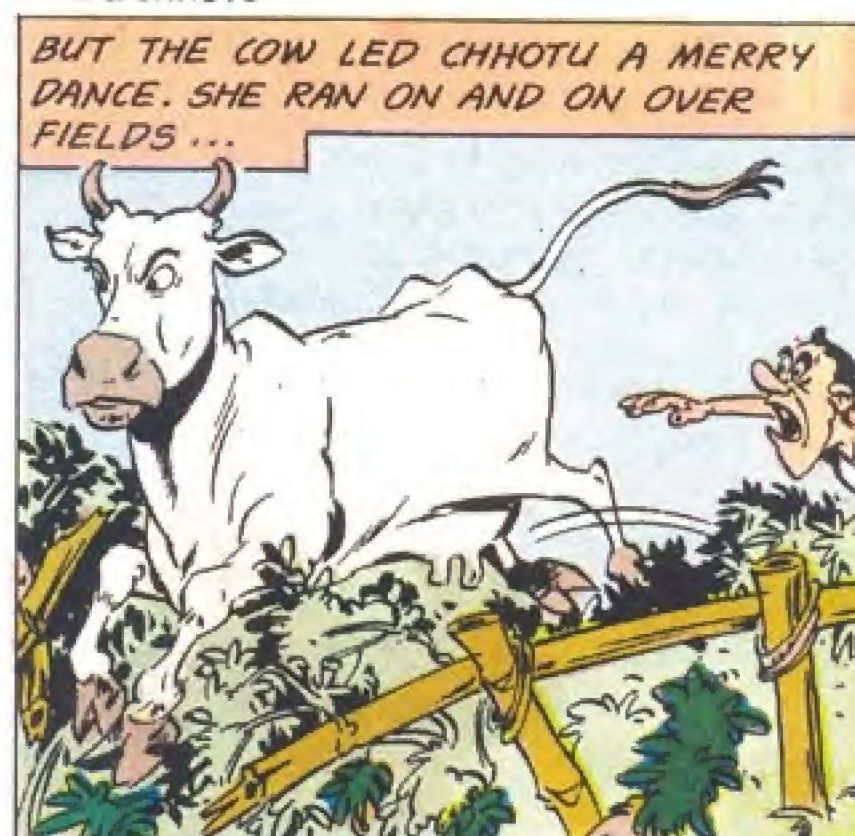
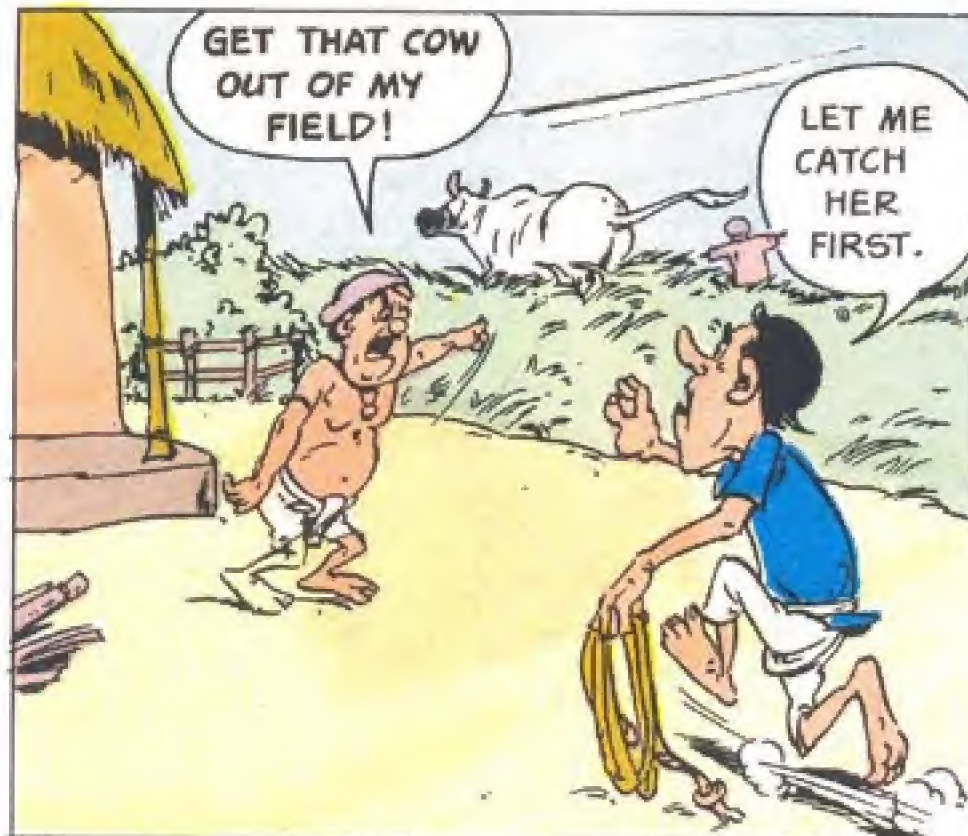
I'VE POURED HALF A DOZEN BUCKETS OF WATER HERE. BUT THE EARTH STILL LOOKS PARCHED.



IF THE MASTER COMES AROUND, HE'LL THINK I HAVEN'T WATERED THIS SAPLING. I'D BETTER GO AND FETCH SOME MORE WATER.







LITTLE DID HE KNOW THAT BADDU WAS AS EXHAUSTED AS HE WAS.

OOOOH! MY BACK! I MUST HAVE EMPTIED AT LEAST A HUNDRED BUCKETS OF WATER ON THAT MANGO SAPLING. AND I'LL HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN TOMORROW!



LUCKY CHHOTU. ALL THAT THE FELLOW HAS TO DO IS TO KEEP AN EYE ON A COW.



I'D BETTER NOT TELL HIM HOW HARD I HAVE TO WORK. HE'LL LAUGH HIS HEAD OFF... OH! HE'S BACK.



SO BADDU, HOW DID THINGS GO?

VERY WELL. I FINISHED WATERING THE PLANTS BEFORE HALF THE DAY WAS DONE.

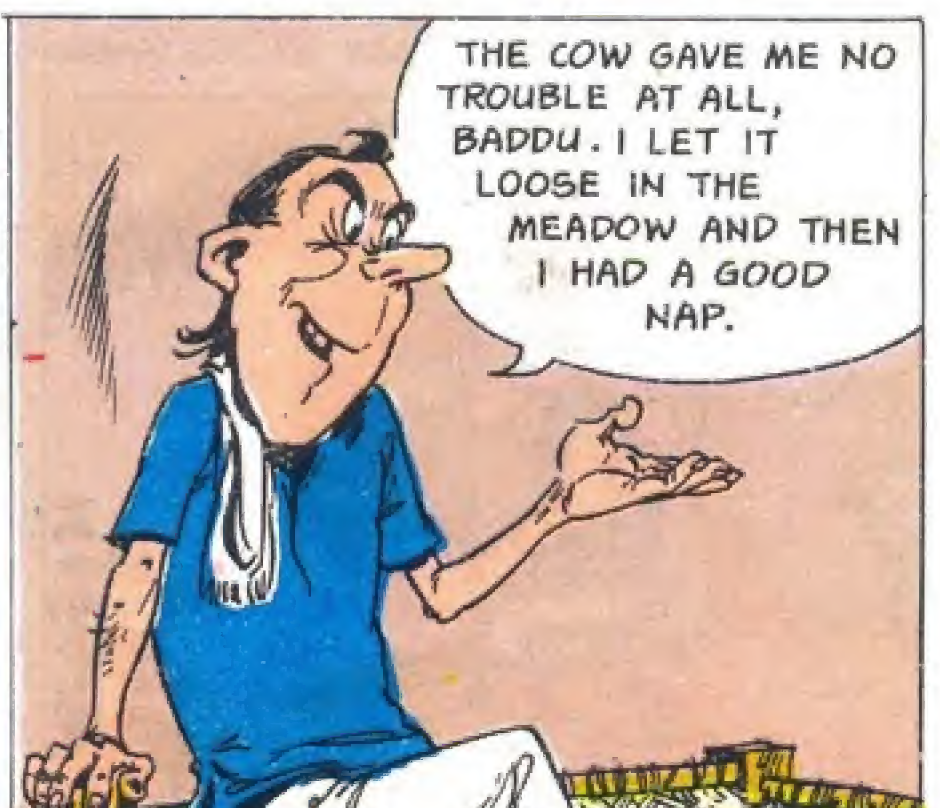


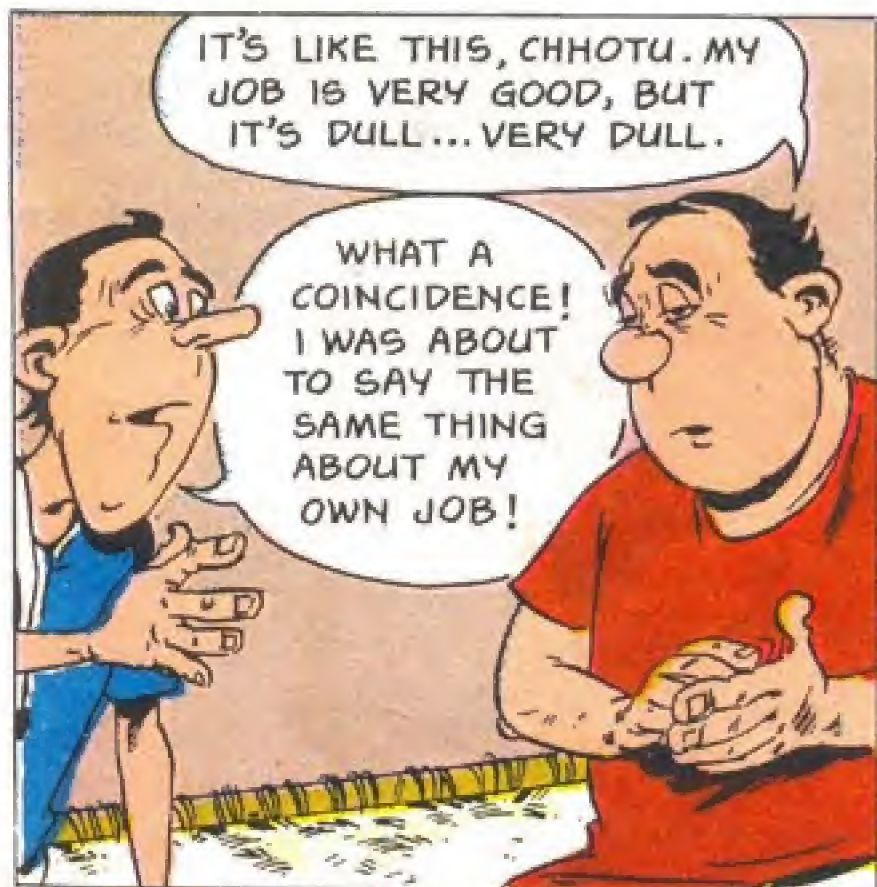
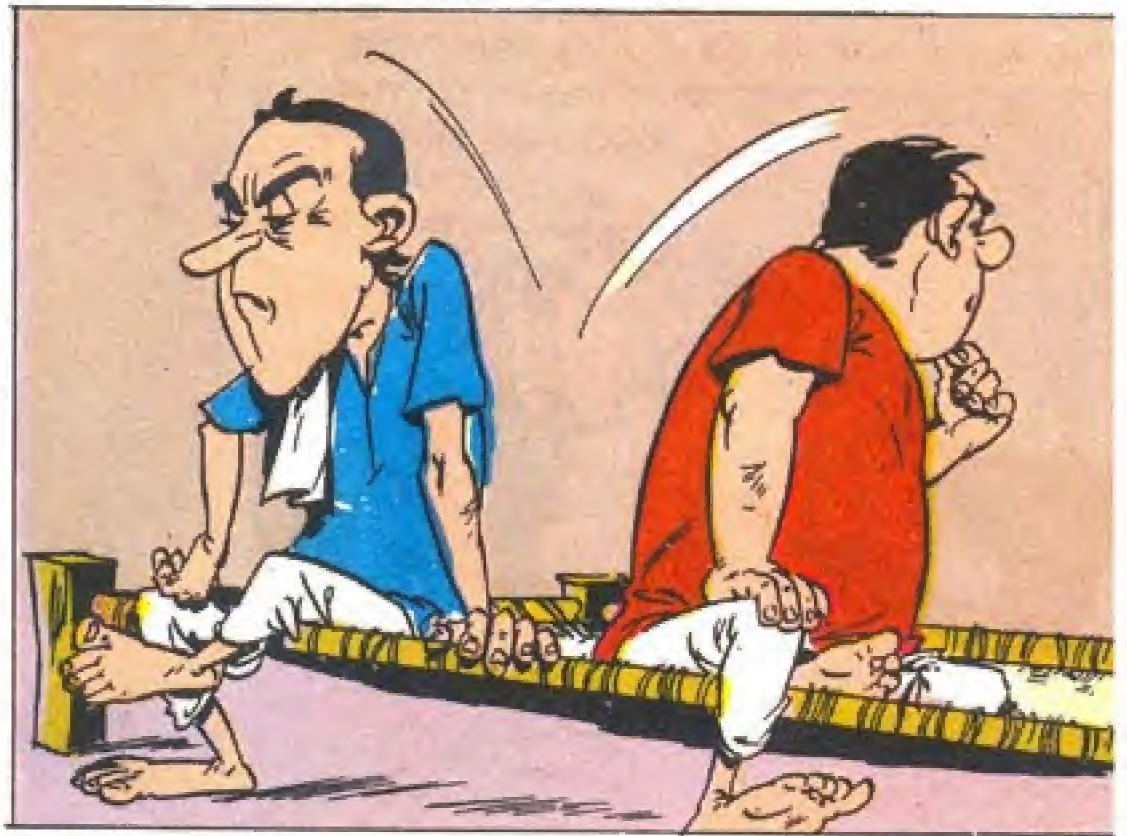
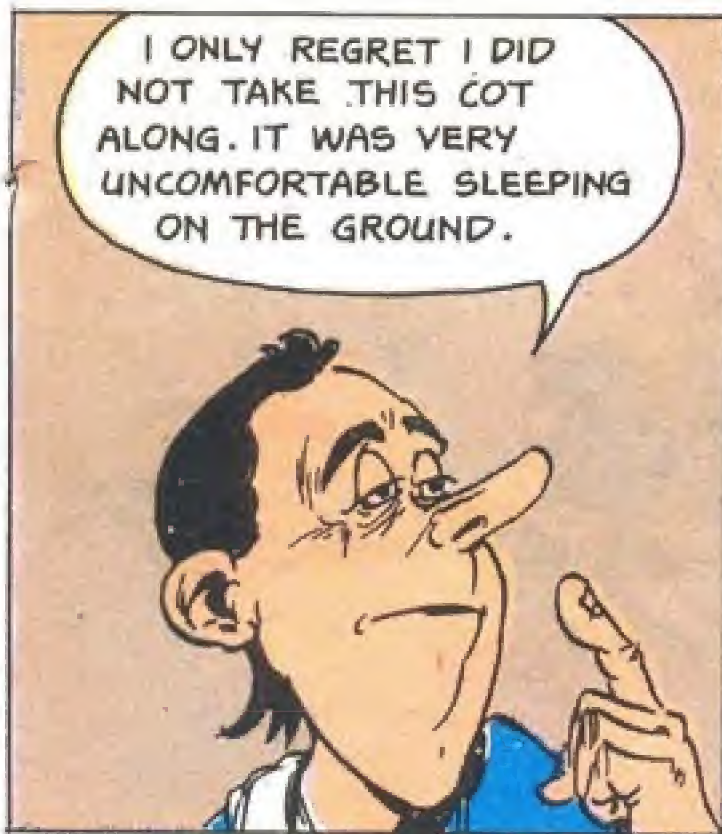
AND THEN I LAZED AROUND TILL EVENING. HOW WAS IT WITH YOU?

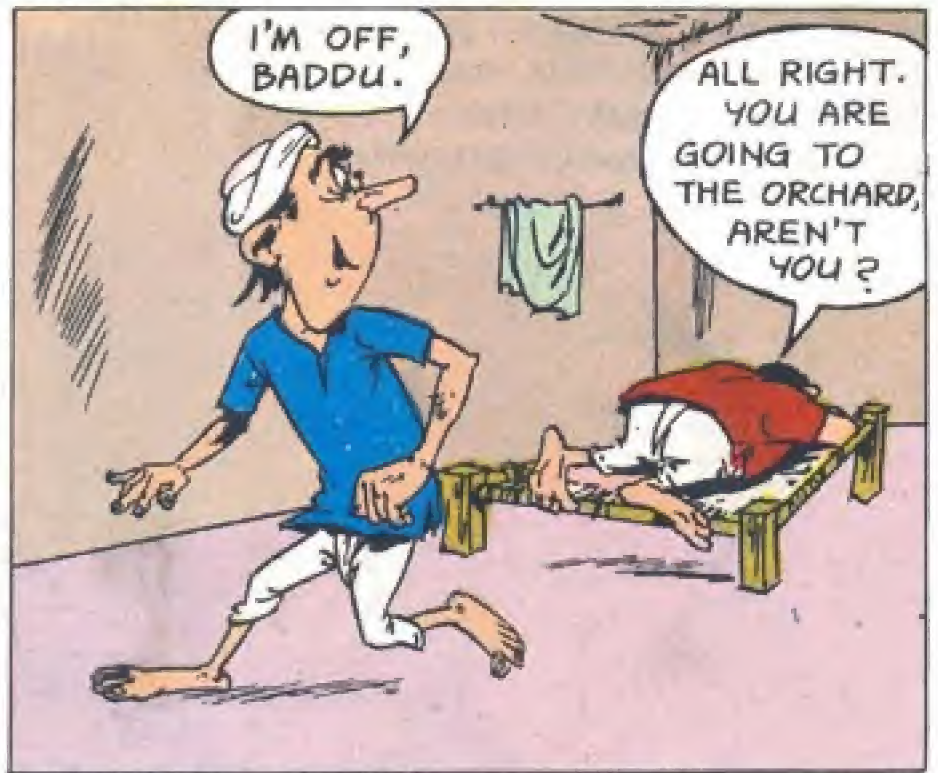
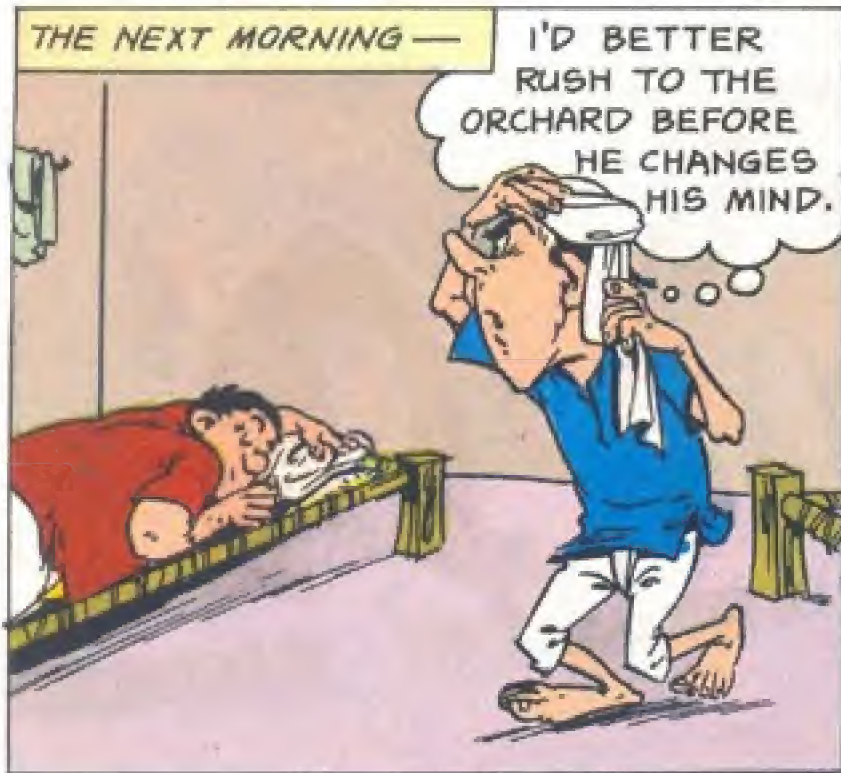
IF I TELL HIM I SPENT THE WHOLE DAY CHASING A COW, HE'LL LAUGH HIS HEAD OFF!



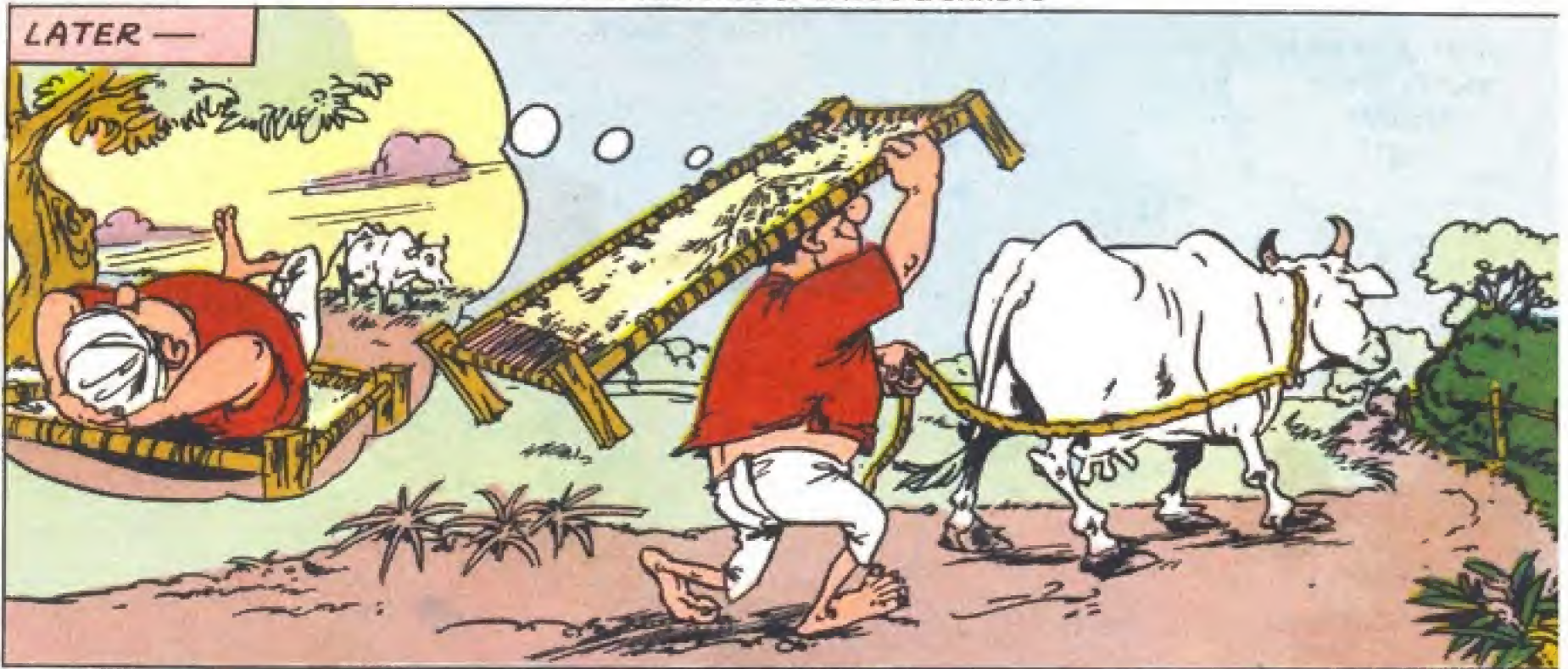
THE COW GAVE ME NO TROUBLE AT ALL, BADDU. I LET IT LOOSE IN THE MEADOW AND THEN I HAD A GOOD NAP.







LATER —



WHEN HE GOT TO THE MEADOW —

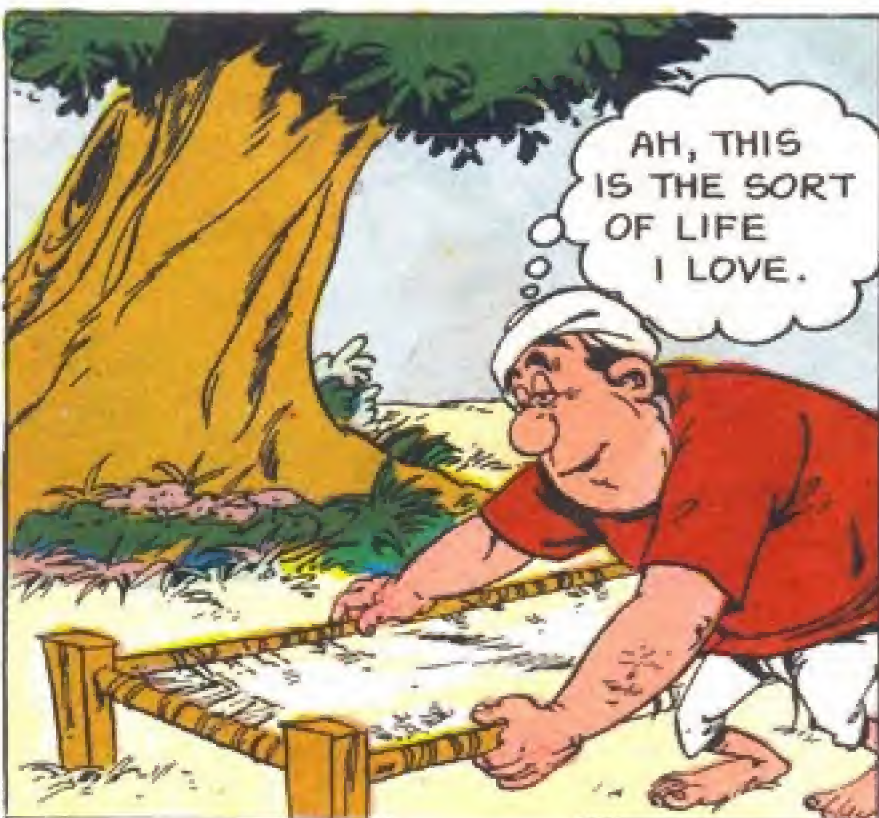
GO! GO EAT AS MUCH AS YOU WANT...



... WHILE I GET SOME SLEEP.



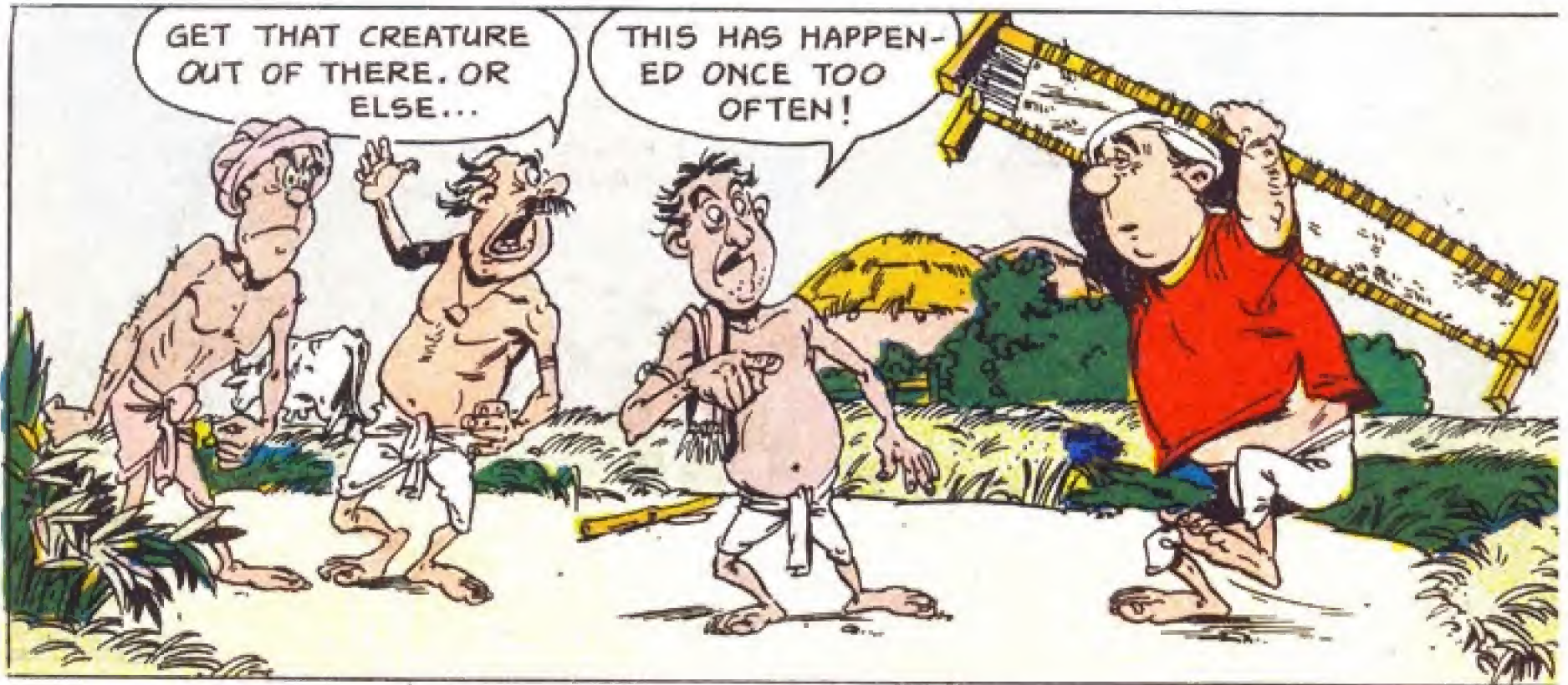
AH, THIS IS THE SORT OF LIFE I LOVE.



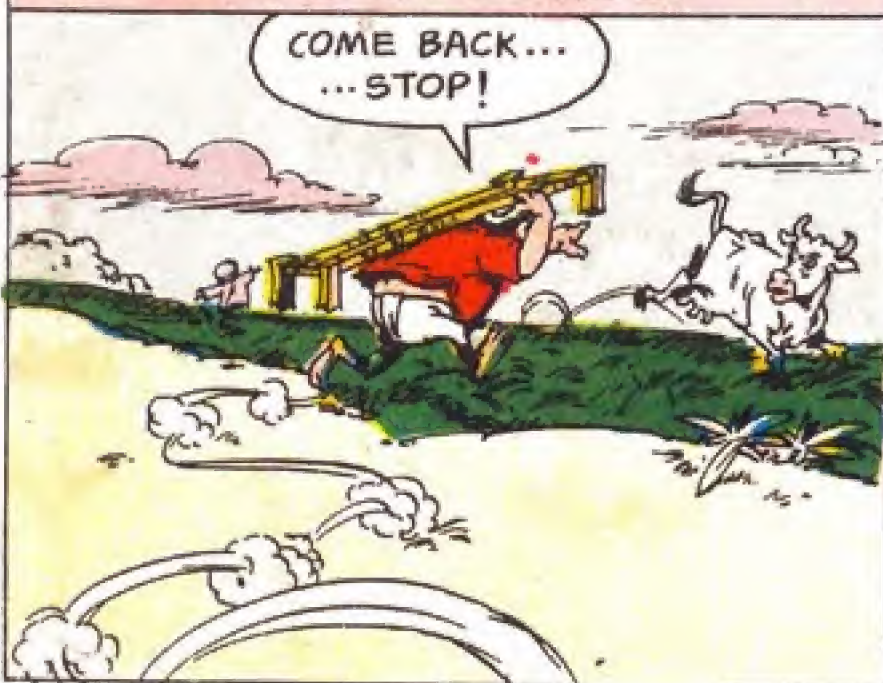
THERE'S ENOUGH GRASS HERE FOR THE COW TO ...



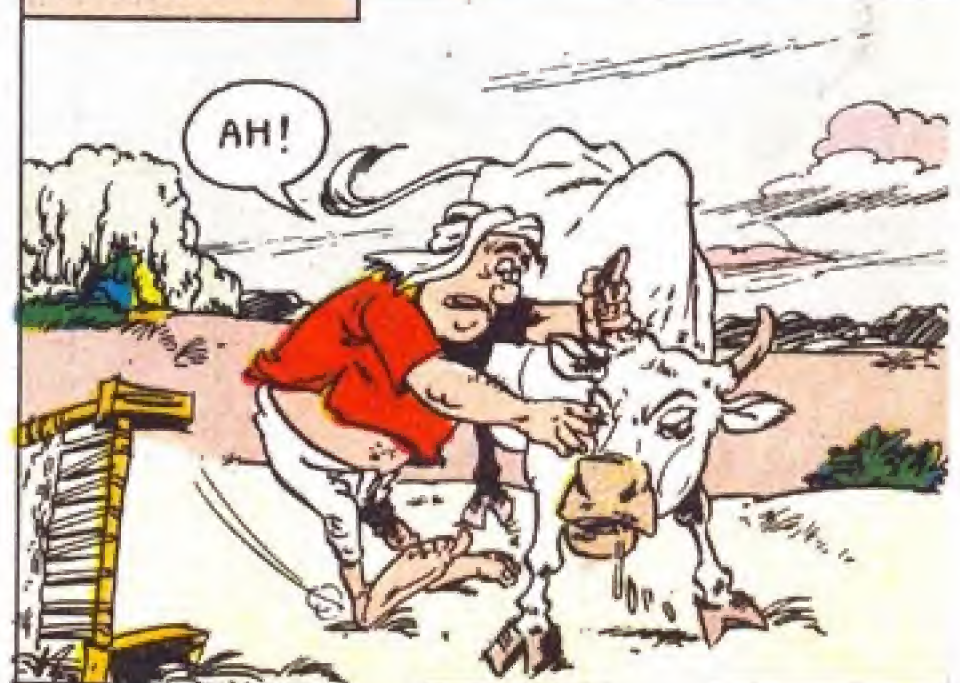


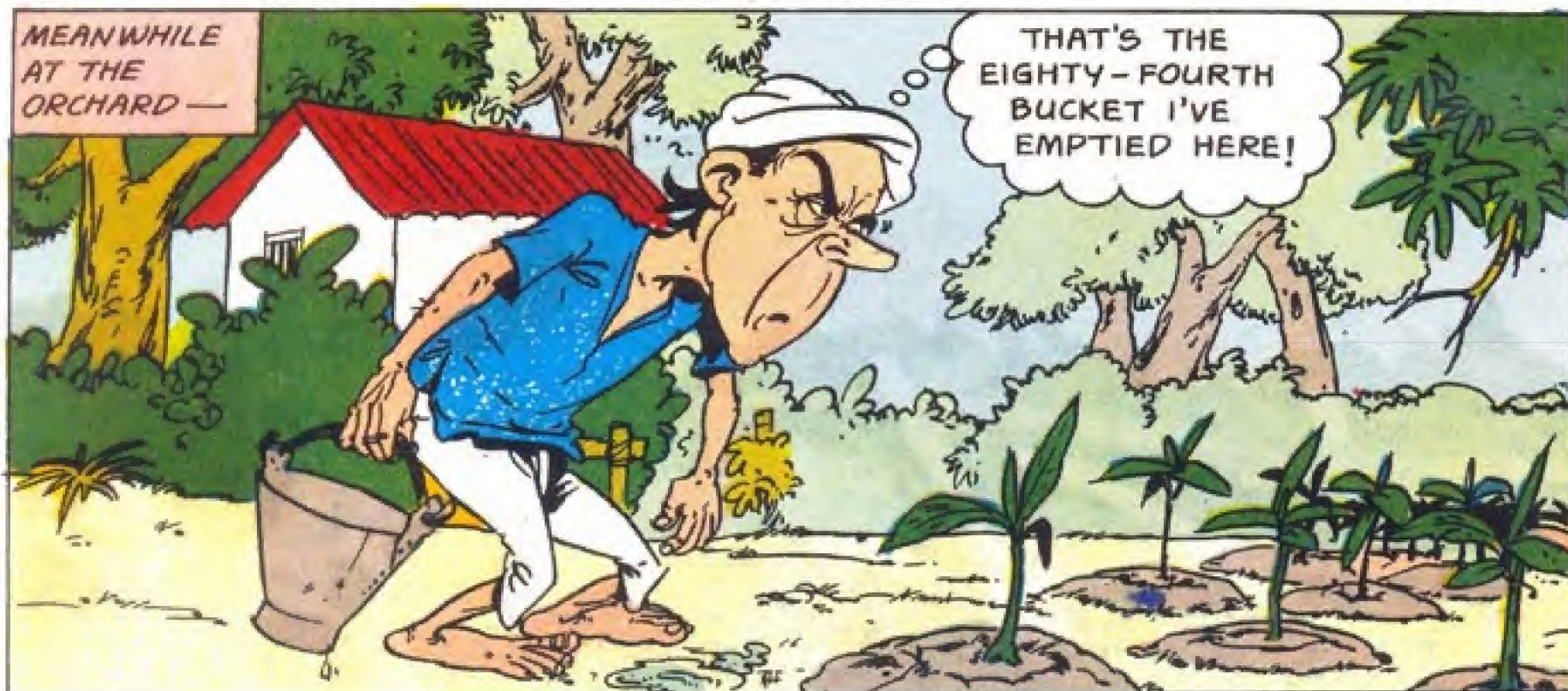


BADDU, AS CHHOTU HAD DONE THE PREVIOUS DAY, CHASED THE COW ALL OVER THE COUNTRYSIDE.



AND IT WAS ONLY TOWARDS EVENING THAT HE WAS FINALLY ABLE TO CATCH UP WITH IT.





WHEN THE FRIENDS MET
AGAIN THAT EVENING —



WHAT A CUNNING
FELLOW YOU ARE,
CHHOTU!

AND WHAT
ABOUT YOU,
BADDU?



ANYWAY, WE'VE BOTH
LEARNT A GOOD LESSON.

YES, WE SHOULD BE
MORE HONEST WITH
EACH OTHER
IN FUTURE.



I'M ACHING ALL OVER.
WHY DOES THAT
LITTLE SAPLING
SOAK UP SO MUCH
WATER?

THAT'S
WHAT
PUZZLED
ME TOO.

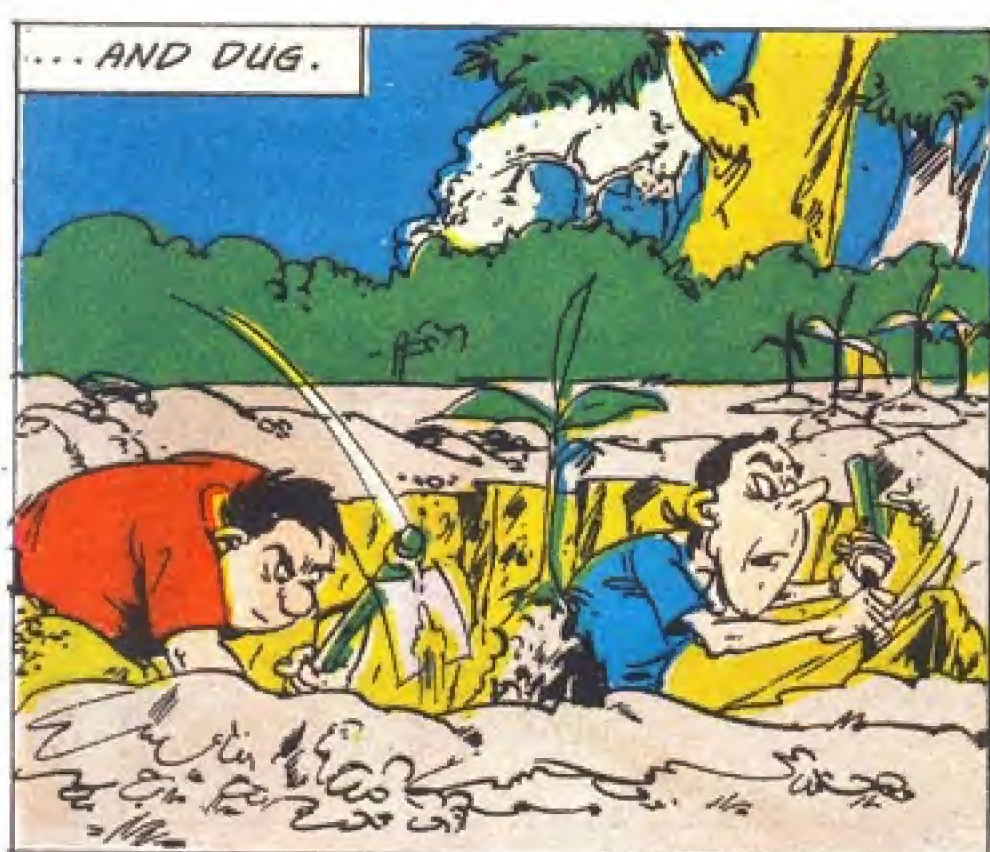


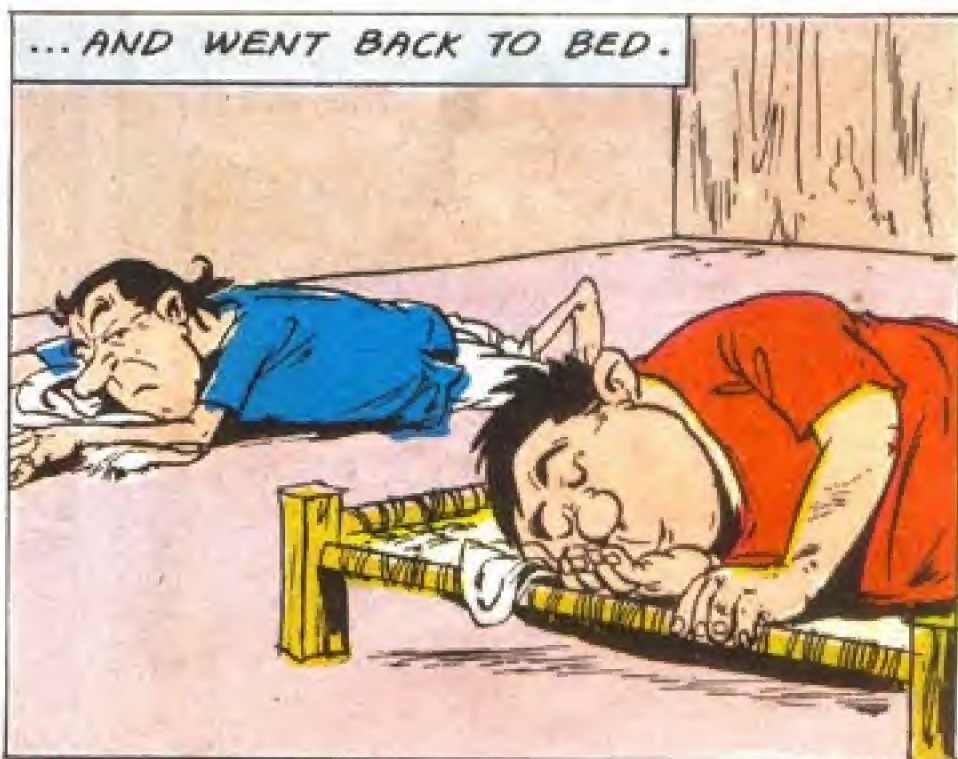
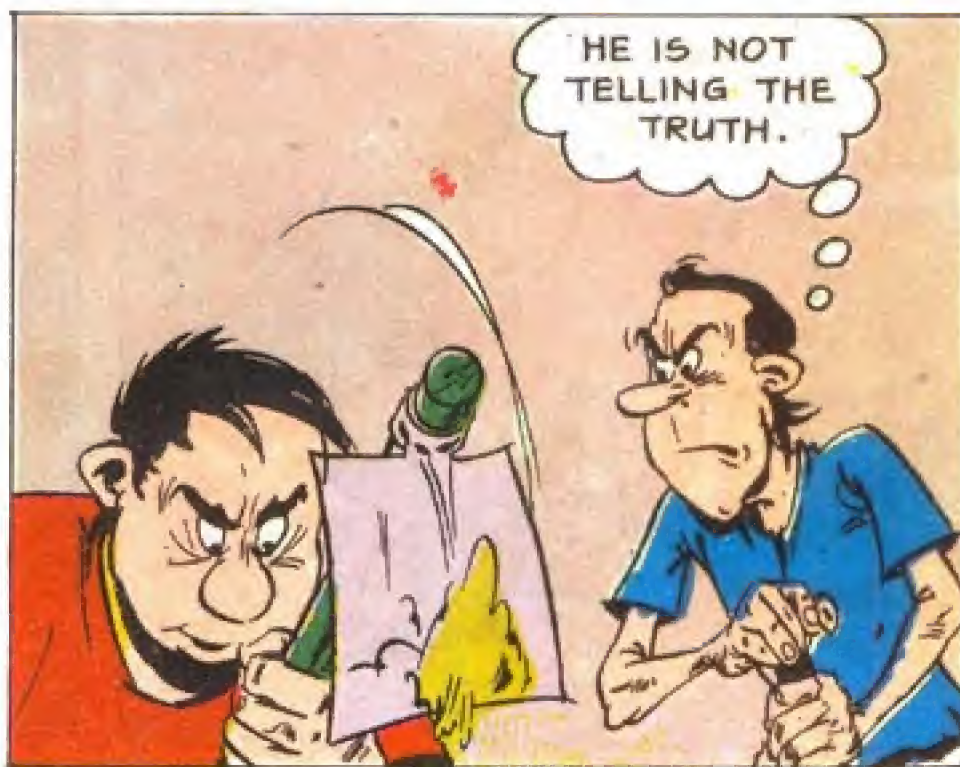
PERHAPS THE GROUND
BELOW IT IS HOLLOW.

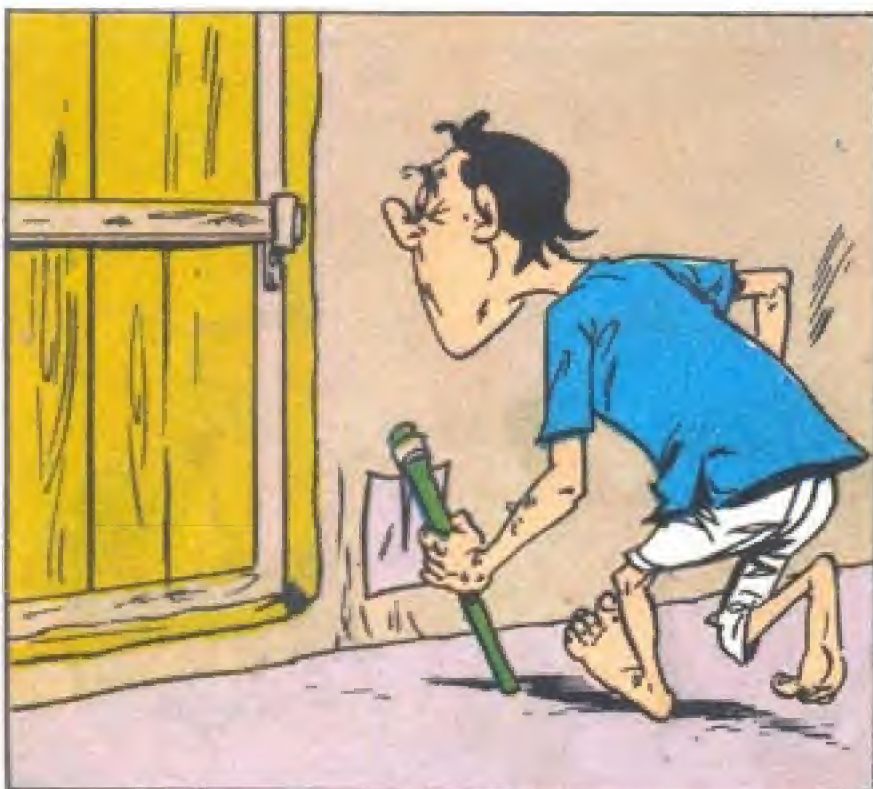


HOLLOW, DID
YOU SAY?

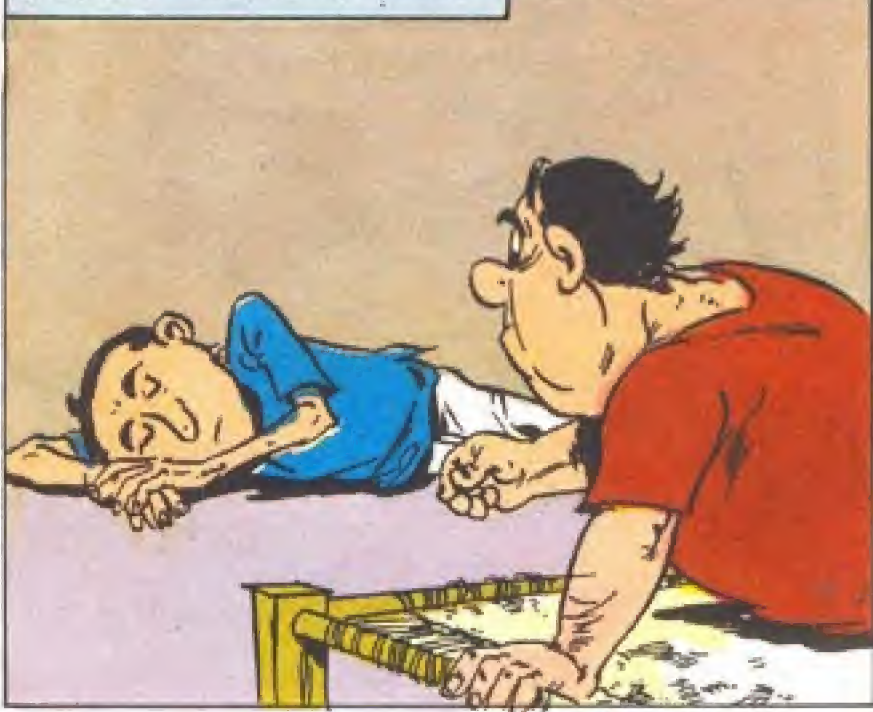
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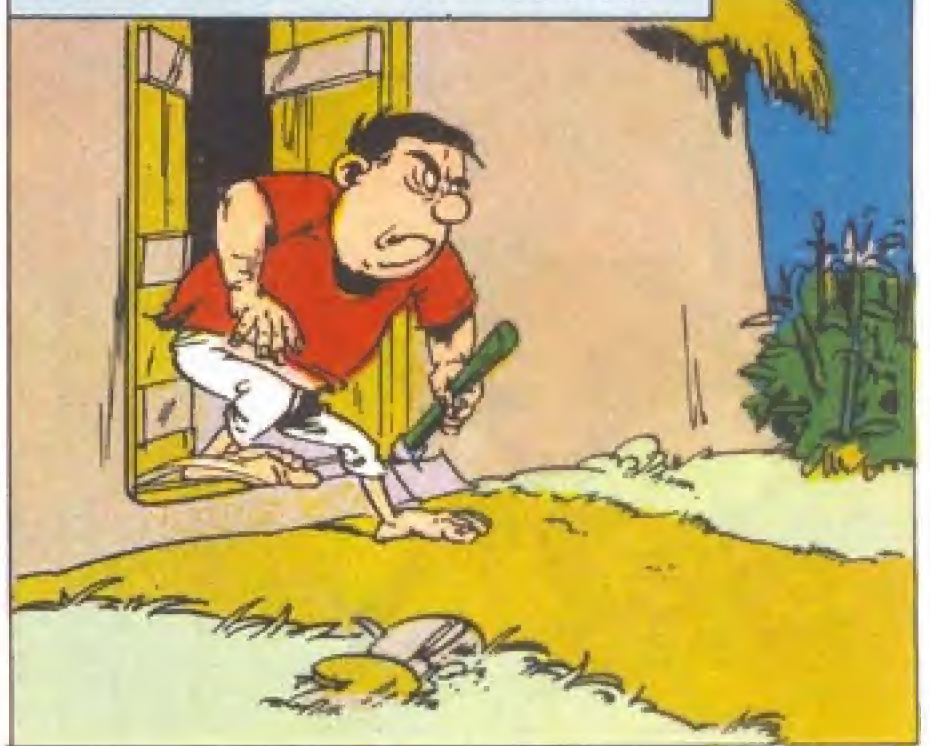




AND CHHOTU FELL ASLEEP. JUST THEN
BADDU WOKE UP...



...STOLE OUT OF THE HUT...



...RAN TO THE ORCHARD...



... AND DUG UP THE SOIL FROM AROUND
THE MANGO SAPLING.

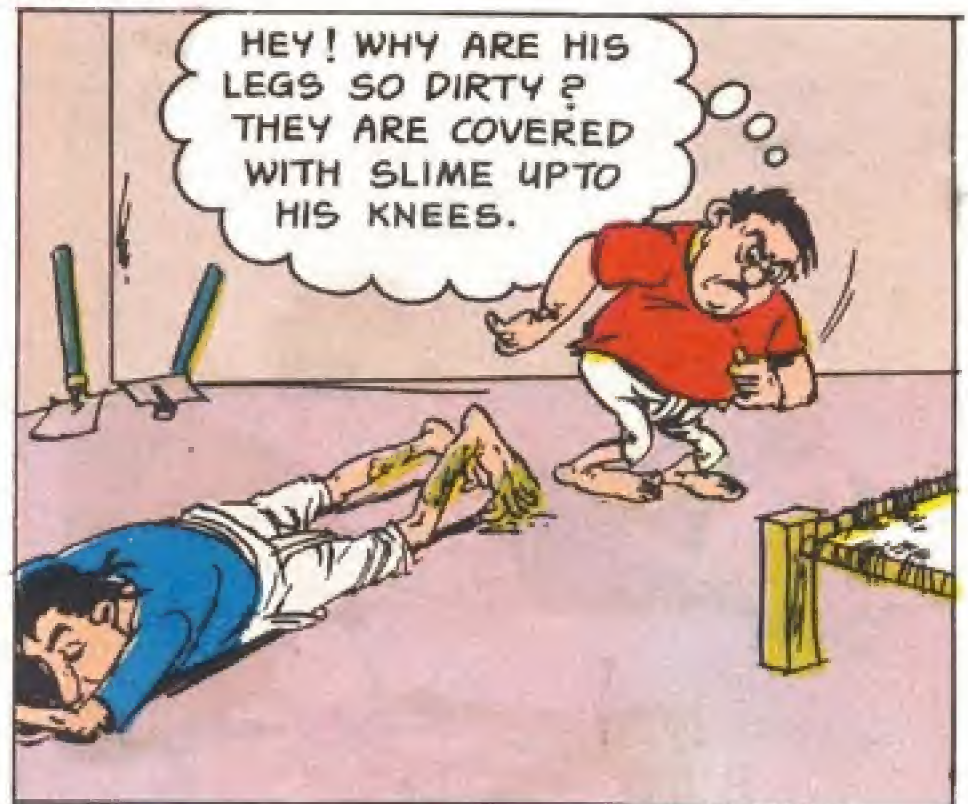


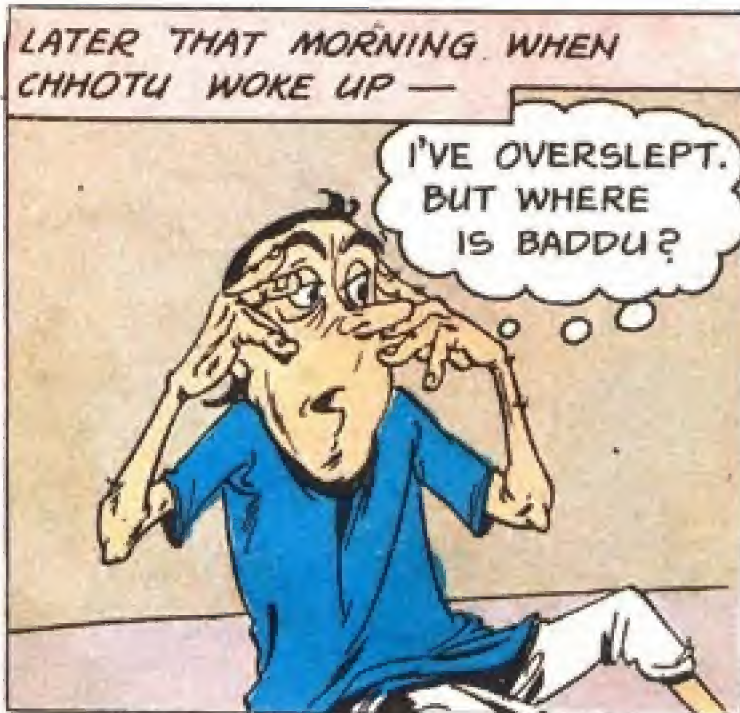
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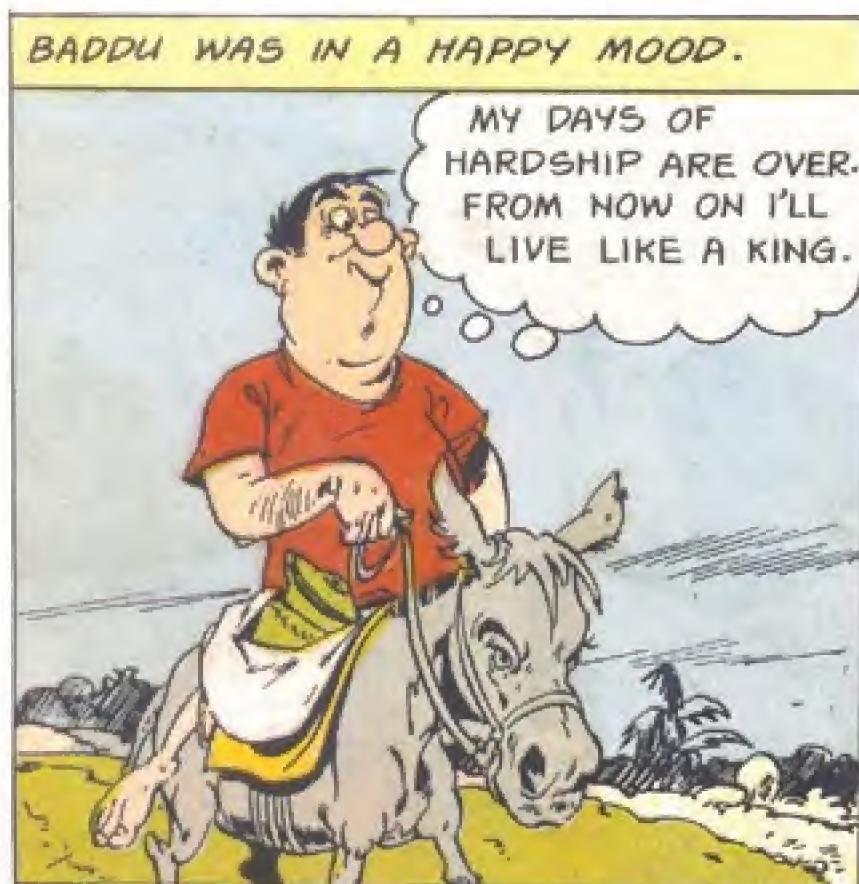


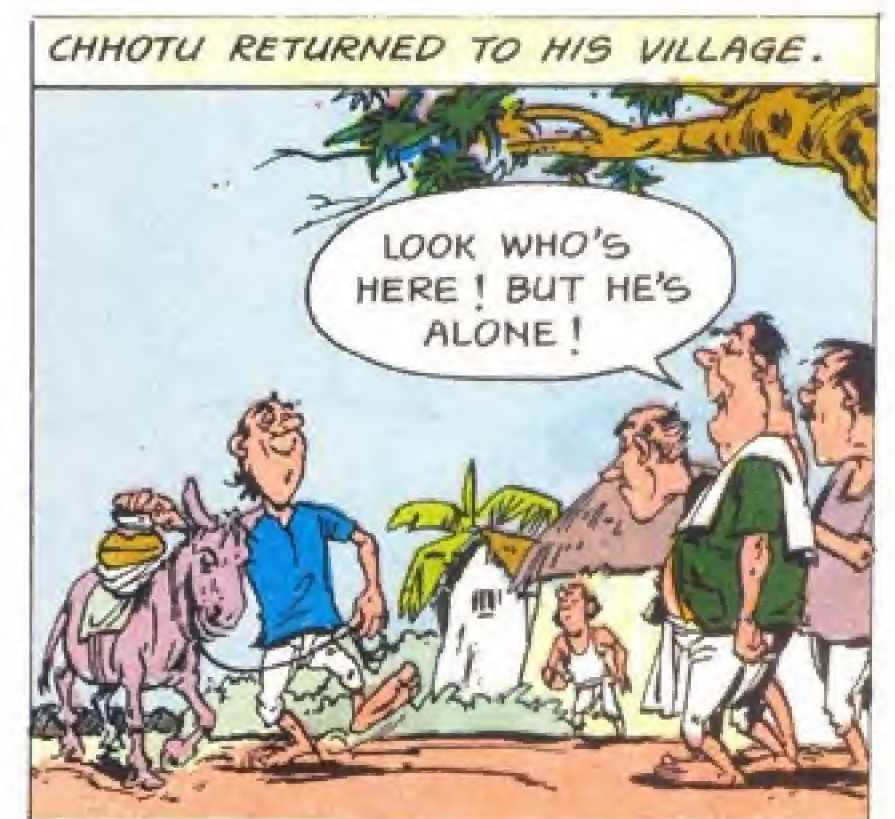
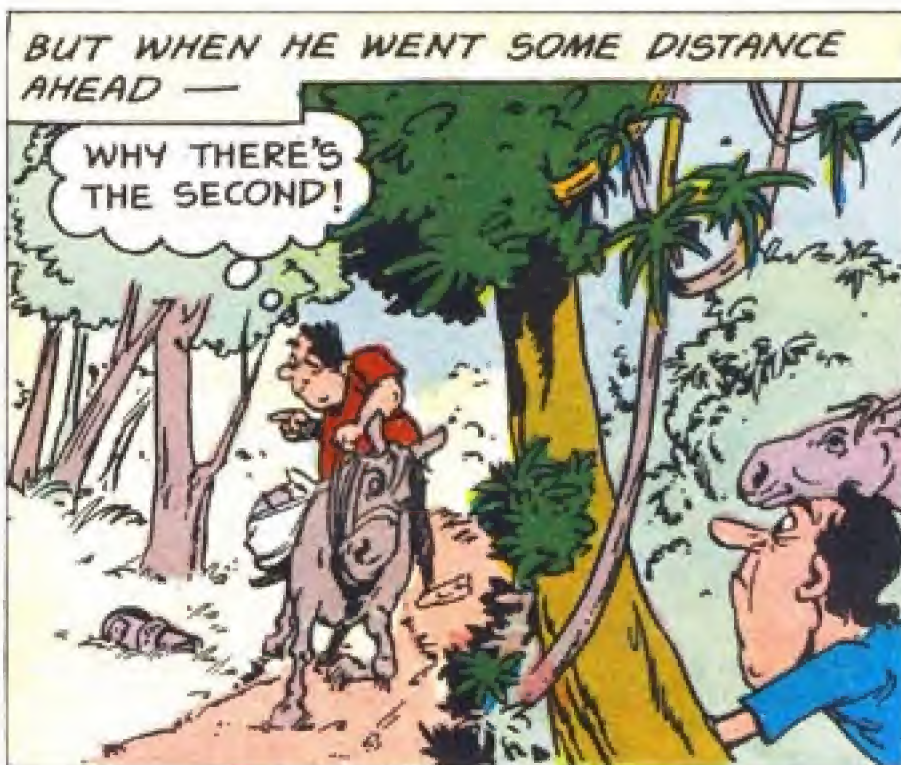
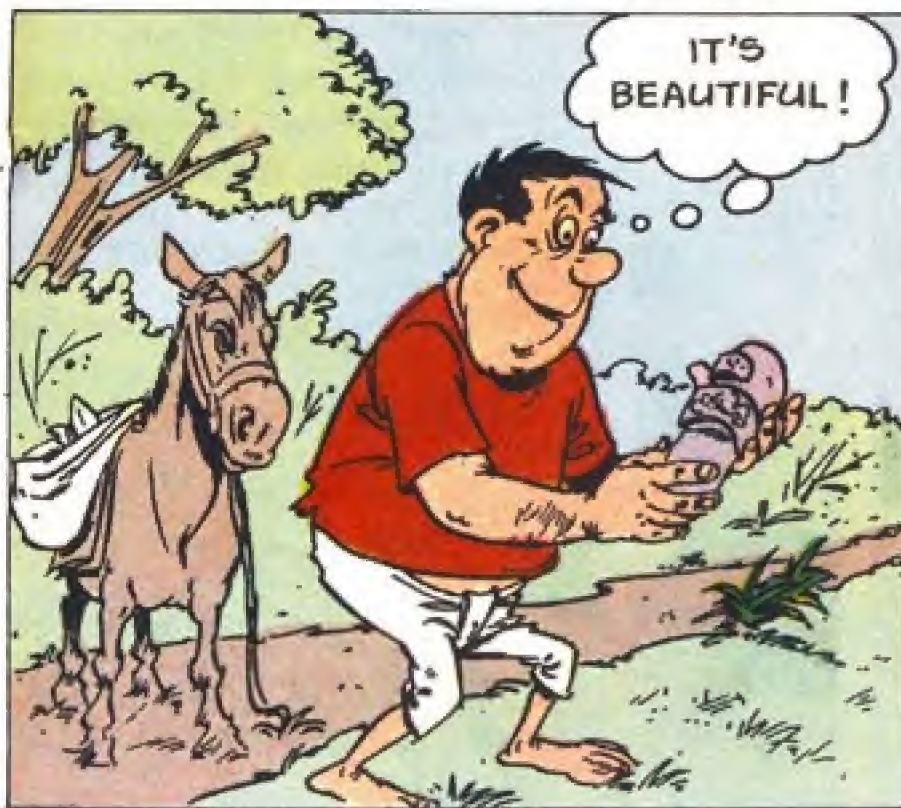
I'M SURE IT WAS
CHHOTU. HE MUST'VE
COME BACK AGAIN
WHEN I WAS ASLEEP.

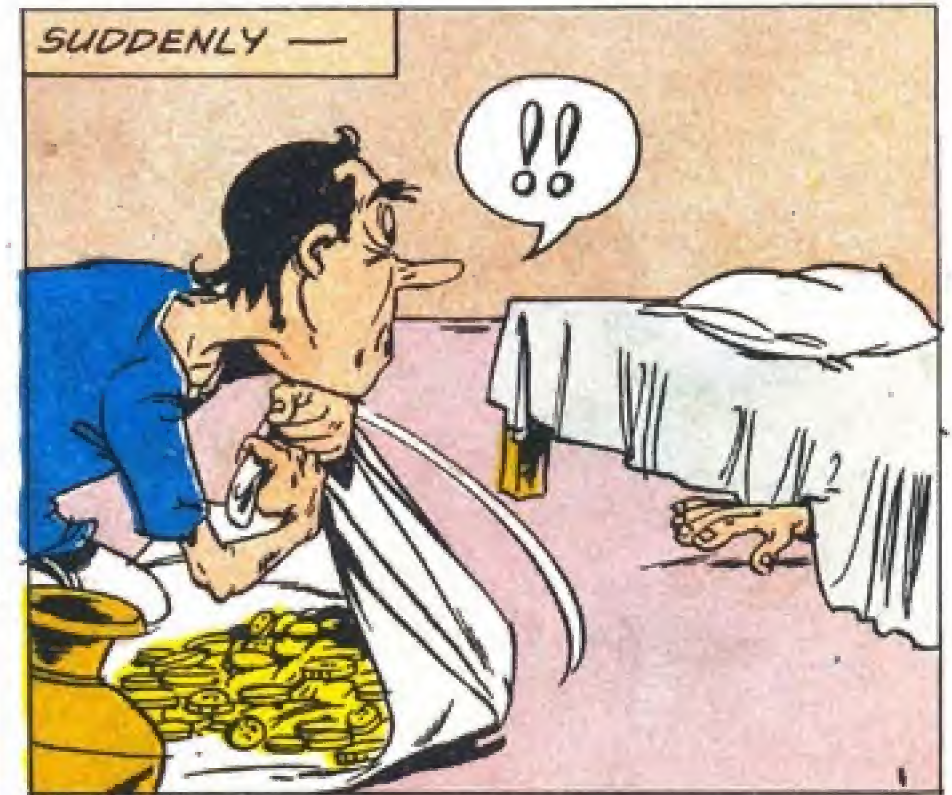
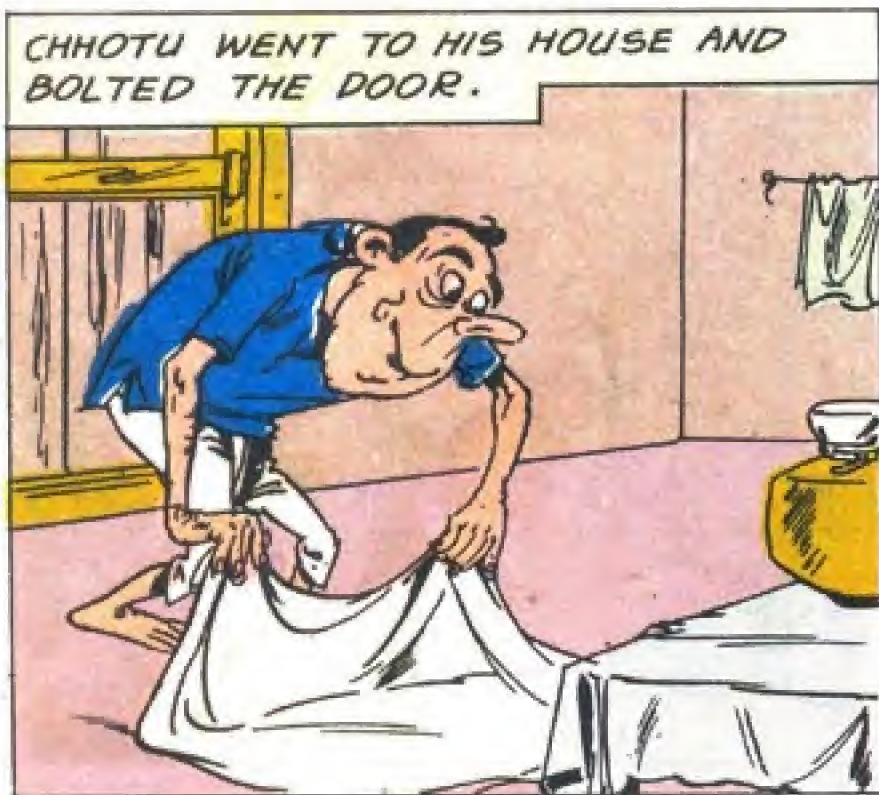
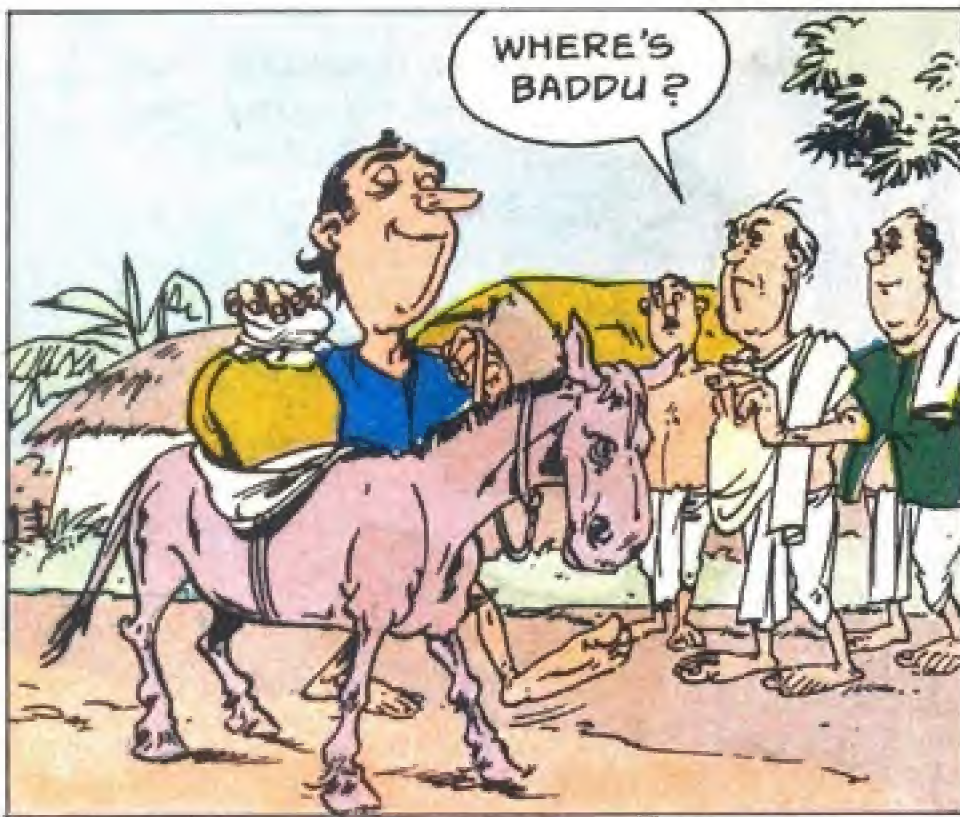


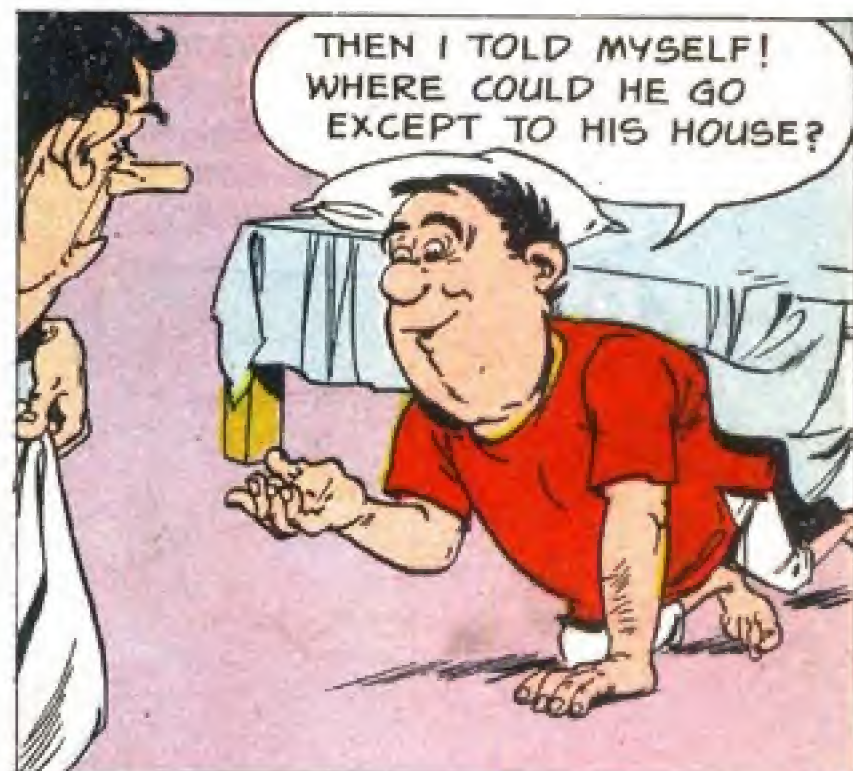


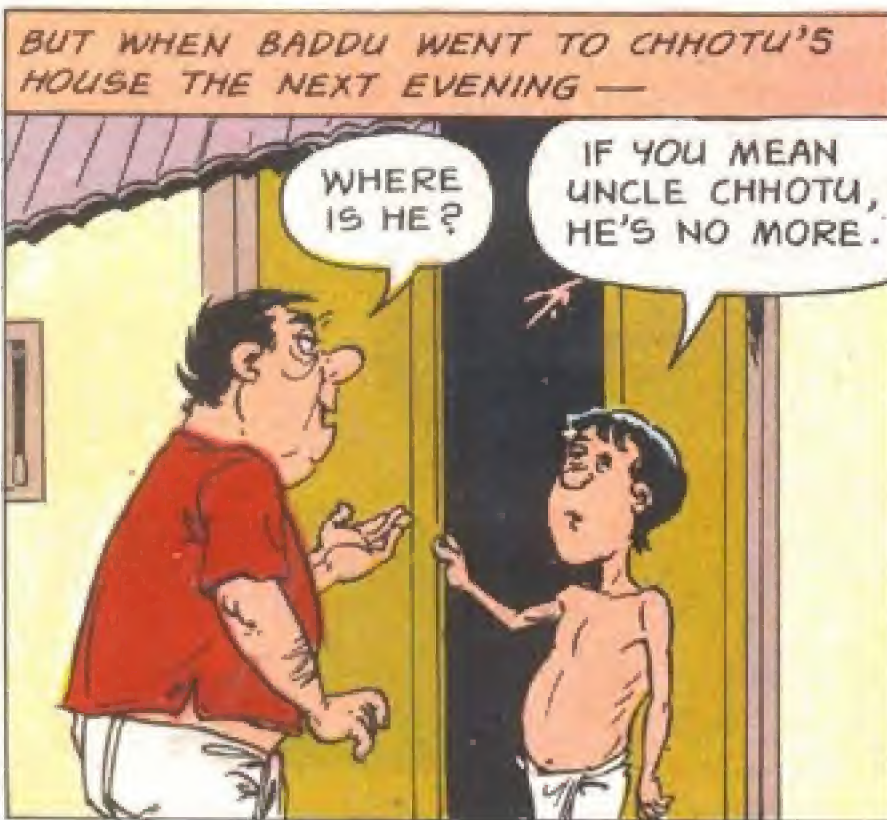


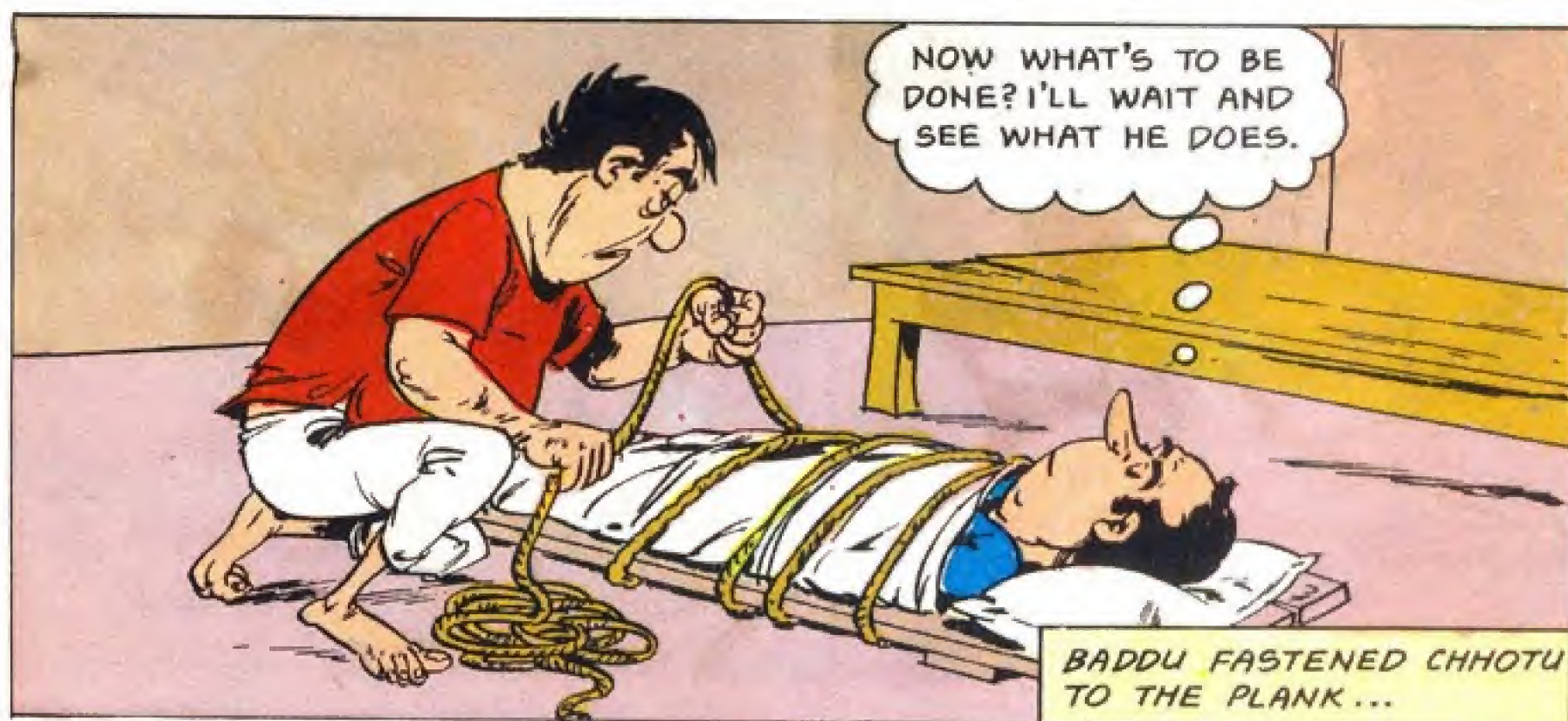




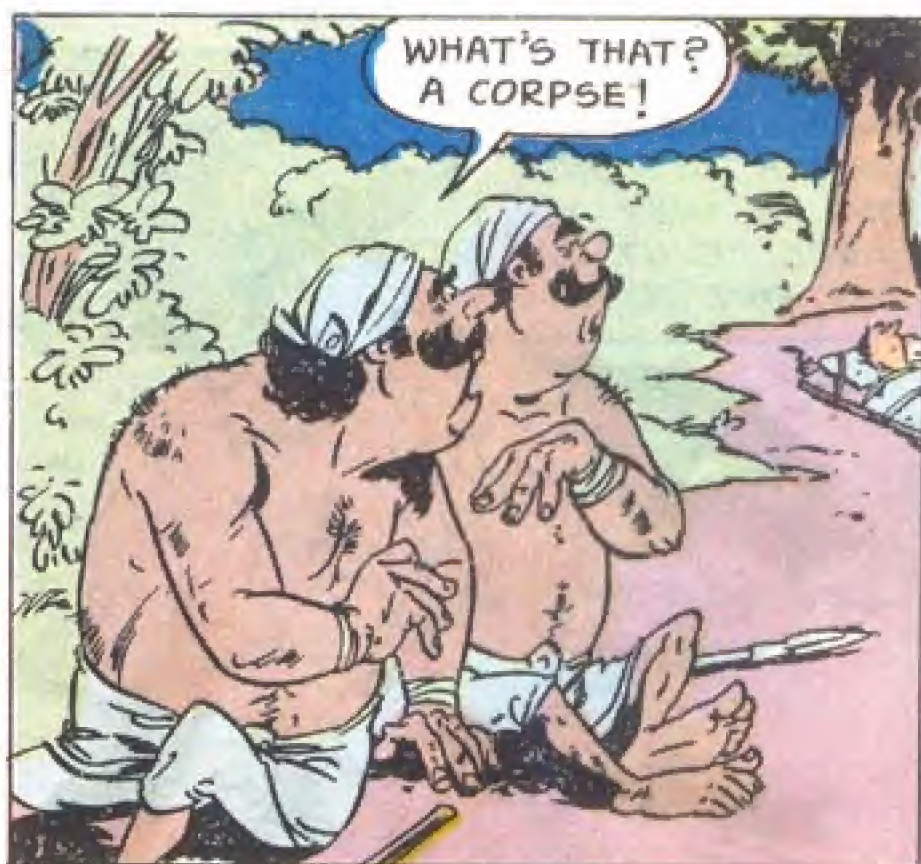


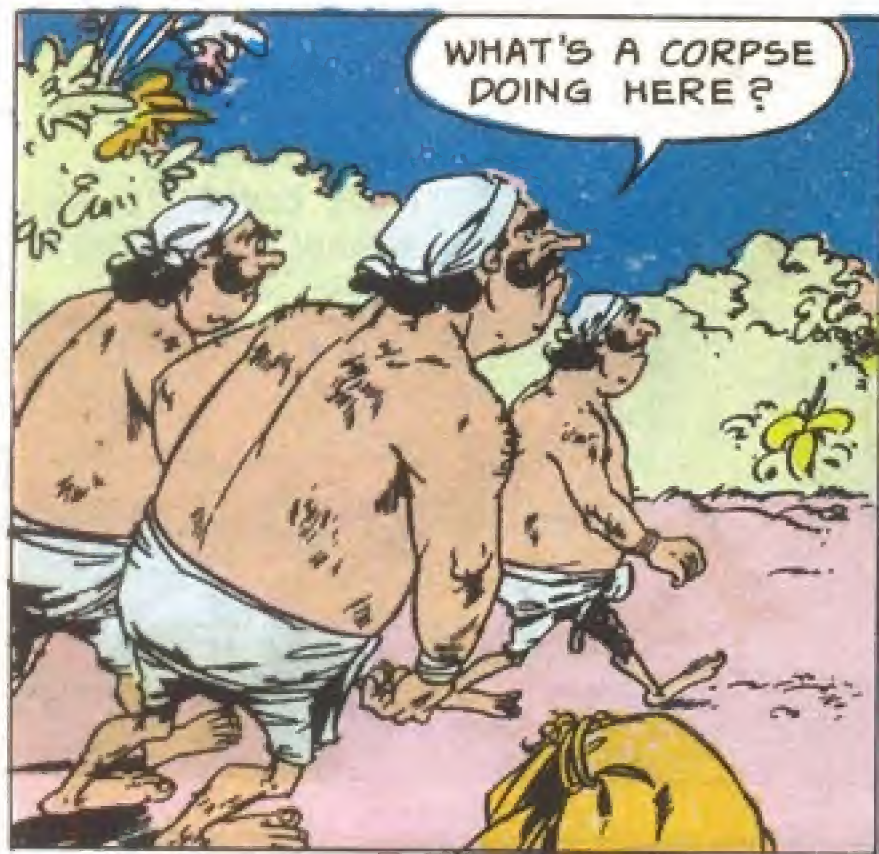












JUST THEN BADDU LOST HIS
BALANCE AND FELL.

YAAAAAAAH!

G-GHOSTS!



RUN BROTHERS!
THIS PLACE IS
HAUNTED.

HE-LP!



AREN'T WE GREAT,
CHHOTU? WE FRIGHTENED
THEM OUT OF THEIR
WITS!

YES.

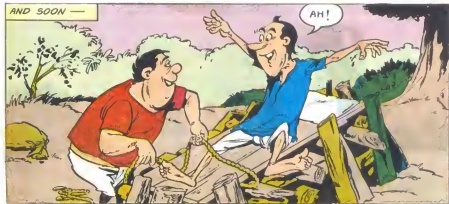


THEY TOOK OFF IN SUCH
A HURRY THAT THEY
LEFT THEIR LOOT
BEHIND.



THIS IS OUR
LUCKY DAY.
NOW UNTIE ME,
WILL YOU?

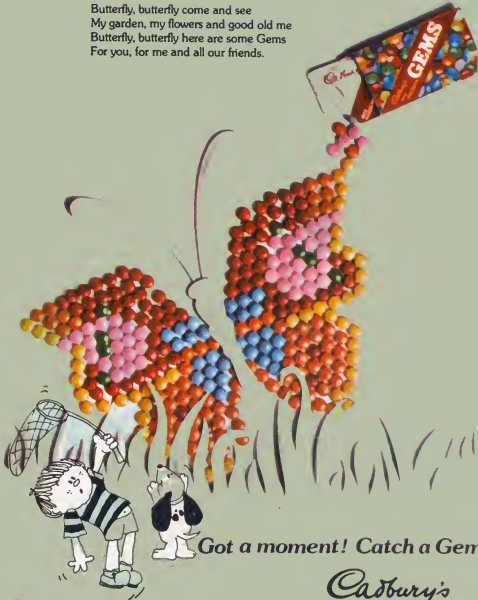
AND SOON —



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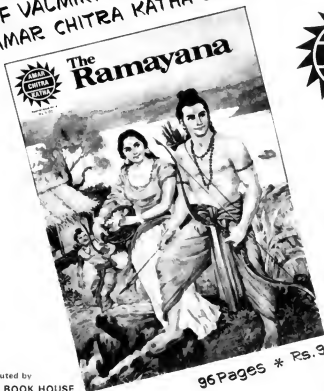
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